

**City of Long Prairie**  
**7:00 P.M., Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference**

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mayor Jodi Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone: Council members, Lilah Gripne, Don Rasmussen, David Wright, Randy Mechels, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray.

**Council member Rasmussen motioned Wright seconded to approve the consent agenda items:**

- (a) Approve Agenda for June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with additions: Temporary Liquor License for the Long Prairie Legion and Play Safe Plan presented by the Long Prairie Area Baseball Association.**
- (b) Approve Minutes for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**
- (c) Approve Bills from May-June**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes: Wright, Rasmussen, Mechels, Dixon**

**No: 0**

**Absent: Gripne**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

(Appointments)

Jessica Cook from Ehlers presented the final draft of the Financial Management Plan. The plan will be used as a guide for future purchases and budgeting.

**Council member Gripne motioned Mechels seconded to accept the Financial Management Plan as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes: Rasmussen, Mechels, Wright, Gripne, Dixon**

**No: 0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

(New Business)

**Council member Gripne motioned Dixon seconded to approve the temporary expansion permit for the Long Prairie Legion.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes: Mechels, Gripne, Wright, Rasmussen, Dixon**

**No: 0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Council member Rasmussen motioned Mechels seconded to approve the Play Safe Plan presented by the Long Prairie Area Baseball Association.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes: Gripne, Wright, Rasmussen, Mechels, Dixon**

**No: 0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Council member Wright motioned Gripne seconded to approve the Redevelopment Agreement for 2nd Ave Apartment Complex.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes: Wright, Rasmussen, Mechels, Gripne Dixon**

**No: 0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

The council reviewed a variance request that was approved by Planning and Zoning for a property located at 121 Lake ST S. The property owner, Angelo Smieja is going to add a drive through to Subway.

**Council member Wright motioned Dixon seconded to approve the variance for 121 Lake ST S allowing for construction within the road right of way.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes: Rasmussen, Mechels, Gripne, Wright, Dixon**

**No: 0**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Council member Gripne motioned Wright seconded to approve the Christie House Historical Society Financial Statement.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes: Mechels, Gripne, Wright, Rasmussen**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: Dixon**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Council member Mechels motioned Gripne seconded to approve the application for a Gambling Permit for St Mary of Mount Carmel Parish for an event to be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes: Gripne, Wright, Rasmussen, Mechels, Dixon**

**No: 0**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Council member Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to approve allocation of \$1,750.00 to the Initiative Foundation in the 2021 Budget.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes: Wright, Rasmussen, Mechels, Gripne Dixon**

**No: 0**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Council member Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to approve the process to sell airport hangar owned by the City of Long Prairie.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes: Rasmussen, Mechels, Gripne, Wright, Dixon**

**No: 0**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**(Public Comment)**

Jim Kreemer addressed the council regarding the cleanliness of a neighbor's property. The police department had visited the property prior, but the property has not been cleaned. Administrator Gray will check on the status of the property and send another letter or ticket to have it cleaned up.

**(Council Reports)**

**Public Works:** Council member Mechels gave a report on Public Works department. The wastewater plant project is moving along this week, they will be doing a test run on the new blowers and aeration basin. Last week the department collected 20 Lead and Copper Water Samples from residents. They have been sent to lab for analysis. The crack filling is complete but will continue patching and getting the sealcoating route ready. The seal coating project could start on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, dependent on the weather.

**Parks & Recreation:** The city has received a couple of complaints regarding the beach area. Geese and ducks have created an issue and the city plans to look into a humane way to remove the animals from the beach.

**EDA:** Council member Gripne stated the EDA will have a regular meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Library:** Council member Gripne gave a report on the Library. Amanda Wehrspann will be replacing Nancy Potter who retired last month. The Library will be having a soft opening, the date is to be determined at this time.

**Concern for Community:** Mayor Dixon stated the Senior Center had a leak in the roof and is currently working with Administrator Gray on getting the issue fixed. The Chamber of Commerce approved the concert in the park series to start on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with the Red-Letter Band.

**Administrator Report:** The City Council may have to meet before July 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss a preparedness plan that is required by the State of Minnesota. Administrator Gray will be doing some more research on this topic. The City was approached by the school offering summer help through a grant the school had applied for. The city will review the request and see if we have a

project for a student work with city stay on. Administrator Gray mentioned that he had been accepted by the University of Minnesota Crookston to pursue and online accounting courses.

**Council member Rasmussen motioned, and Dixon seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. Motion unanimously carried.**

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Ted Gray  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Jodi Dixon  
Mayor