

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 3, 2012**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Bob Klick, Art Rowan, Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne and City Administrator/Clerk Dave Venekamp.

Council member Klick motioned Rowan seconded to approve the council minutes of December 19, 2011. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen made the following mayoral appointments for council liaisons to the various city departments and boards:

- Public Works – Council member Tony Towle
- Public Safety – Council member Lilah Gripne
- Liquor Store/Recreation/EDA – Council member Bob Klick
- Planning and Zoning and Library – Council member Art Rowan
- Administration, Community Concern for Youth, Airport, and Tourism – Mayor Don Rasmussen

Council member Rowan motioned Towle seconded to appoint council member Bob Klick as acting mayor for 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick motioned Towle seconded to approve the Long Prairie Leader as the city's official newspaper for 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to appoint as official depositories for the city: American Heritage National Bank, Minnesota National Bank, Mid Central Savings and Loan, Central Minnesota Credit Union, and other financially sound institutions which are in compliance with Minnesota statutes governing city depositories as official depositories. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to appoint Dennis Bacon as the city auditor for the 2011 financial statement at a fee of \$13,500. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to appoint the law firm of Peters and Churchwell as the city attorney for civil issues at a fee of \$1,200.00 per month. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Towle motioned Klick seconded to appoint the law firm of Brown & Krueger as the city attorney for criminal prosecutions at a fee of \$1,123.75 per month. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Rowan stated Randy Johnson has finished replacing some of the steel siding on the public works building and did a nice job. Rowan also stated Sergeant Duane Breiter's six month probationary period as sergeant has expired. Both Rowan and Police Chief Kevin Langer stated Breiter has done a good job as sergeant.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to remove the probationary status from Duane Breiter as Police Sergeant. Motion unanimously carried.

Police chief Kevin Langer stated they handled 193 incidents in December and for the year, they handled 2,566. The department has a new part time officer in Jacob Hillesand. The Chevy Impala was damaged last week when someone backed out of their driveway and into the squad car. The amount of damage has not been determined. Central Bi Products has donated \$2,000 to the police department. The department has two forfeiture vehicles that will be going up for sale on K-Bid.

Langer and Breiter also reviewed the 800 Mhz radio purchases for the police and public works department. The original cost of the police department radios which included 8 portables and 2 mobile radios was \$31,268.19. After discounts and a \$10,947.03 grant the final cost of the radios was \$16,321.16. The original cost of the public works radios which included 5 portable radios was \$8,232.05. After discounts, the final cost of the radios was \$7,232.05

City Administrator/Clerk Venekamp stated the wastewater treatment project is ahead of schedule. The contractor is waiting for electrical controls and pumps to be shipped to the site. The city staff is also working with the supplier on the computer control for the system. Once the project is completed, there will be four sources of wastewater entering into the treatment plant. Those sources will come from the city, Central Bi-Product's wastewater ponds, Long Prairie Packing's wastewater ponds and the city's overflow pond. The city will be able to regulate the wastewater flows from all of these sources by computer.

Council member Klick motioned Rowan seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor