

**City of Long Prairie  
Council Meeting  
7:00 P.M., Monday, March 19, 2012**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 19, 2012. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne, Bob Klick, Art Rowan, and City Administrator/Clerk David Venekamp.

**Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of March 5, 2012 and the March bills. Motion unanimously carried.**

The council reviewed a report by Kevin Renslow of Coating Resources Incorporated. Mr. Renslow is a paint supplier for Tnemec which is the paint that was used on the painting of the city's water tower. Mr. Renslow had reviewed the city's water tower June 30, 2009, and again on March 7, 2012. According to his report, he felt the paint coatings from a corrosion standpoint were still in great condition. He also indicated the tank could be cleaned which would help remove some of the staining on the coatings and possibly could reveal any hidden corrosion. Some minor maintenance work could also be performed on the interior to help prolong the life cycle of the existing system. The exterior coating on the tank is also in good condition and did not need to be repainted.

**Council member Towle motioned Rowan seconded not to do any repairs at this time and in two years re-inspect the water tower for possible paint/structure problems. Motion unanimously carried.**

The council was informed the city is still waiting to hear from the Rural Water Association on proceeding with updating the city's Wellhead Protection Plan.

The council discussed public improvements on 8<sup>th</sup> Street between T.H. 27 and T.H. 287. The county engineer, Loren Fellbaum, had contacted the city indicating the county is looking at a possible mill and overlay of 8<sup>th</sup> Street in 2016. This section of 8<sup>th</sup> St. is a county state aid road. The water and sewer lines under 8<sup>th</sup> Street were installed in the late 1940's and early 1950's. In order to coordinate the work, the county and city could enter into a joint agreement; whereby, the city would replace the utilities and the county would pay some of the cost for the street improvement.

The council discussed the fact it was not prudent to put a bituminous overly on utilities that are 60 to 70 years old. The council also discussed the possibility of including public improvements to 8<sup>th</sup> Street north of T.H.27 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE along the south side of the fairgrounds in the project. Should the city be able to obtain easements along 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE; that also could be included in this project.

**Council member Klick motioned Towle seconded to inform the county that the city council is willing to replace the water and sewer along 8<sup>th</sup> Street between T.H. 27 and 287 and enter**

**into a joint agreement with the county on the utilities and public improvements for this area of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion unanimously carried.**

City Administrator Venekamp stated it would be nice to obtain price quotes of the various portions of this project in order for the city to determine the tax impact and best method for financing the project.

**Council member Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to have Ulteig Engineering provide an estimate on the various costs of the project areas with the understanding the project would not be done until 2016. Motion unanimously carried.**

**Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve township contracts with Burnhamville, Round Prairie, Hartford, Iona, Leslie, and Long Prairie Townships. Motion unanimously carried.**

Police Chief Kevin Langer stated the department is applying to Center Point Energy for a Community Partnership Grant in the amount of \$2,500 for the purchase of an 800 megahertz radio.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated 30 people attended the Train the Trainer meeting on the 800 Mhz radios. Jim also stated that approximately 60 people attended the March 7<sup>th</sup> Pipeline Safety Training. The city has two major natural gas pipelines which run through the community.

Council member Klick stated the liquor store staff completed the liquor store inventory but in the process of entering the data, the city experienced a power outage which resulted in the data being lost. The staff will need to redo the inventory. Klick attended a Rainbow Rider meeting and was informed the Rainbow Rider program has 31 buses, employs 43 people, and is in 6 different counties. In 2011, Rainbow Rider had over 161,000 riders.

Council member Rowan stated the handicap parking sign at the library is difficult to see and the public works crew should either move the sign or trim the trees in that area.

Mayor Rasmussen stated the next Community Concern for Youth meeting will be April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Community Concern for Youth officer for the Long Prairie area has a total of 14 cases.

**Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

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David Venekamp  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor