

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, August 6, 2012**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 6, 2012. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Lilah Gripne, Bob Klick, Tony Towle, and City Administrator/Clerk David Venekamp. Council member Art Rowan was absent from the meeting.

Council member Klick motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of July 16, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Fire Department Chief Jim Kreemer stated the city currently pays for physicals for 4 to 5 firemen each year at a cost of \$400/physical. OSHA and NFPA recommend that every fireman must have a physical each year; however, they do not have any standards as far as what is required in the physical. At times, during the physical, certain conditions may require additional testing. There have been some problems as to who would pay the additional costs of those tests.

Jim stated the department has looked at what other departments do. Some do not provide physicals due to the costs. One city uses a firm out of the cities that charges \$85 per fireman for a physical; however, the items covered in the physical are fairly minimal.

Several firemen met with Dr. Van Gorp and Tony Tebben concerning the cost of the physicals and as well as what is involved in the physicals that are being provided. Dr. Van Gorp did not feel that the physicals offered by the company out of the cities were sufficient in indivating the condition of the firemen. The clinic would provide firemen's physicals for \$200 per fireman which would include glucose testing, blood pressure testing, heart rate, etc. The clinic would also do a resting and active heart rate testing of the firemen. The department has considered the possibility of doing 11 firemen, or half of the department, each year which would cost the city approximately the same as what they are paying now for 4 to 5 firemen. A new fireman would be subject to the city's current physical requirement.

Council member Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve of the fire department having 11 physicals, or half the department, per year at a cost of \$200 per fireman. Roll call: Yes; Gripne, Klick Towle, Rasmussen. Motion unanimously carried.

The council reviewed 2 price quotes for replacing the air conditioner at Riverside Liquors. The price quotes are as follows: Long Prairie Plumbing and Heating \$2,788.62 and Countryside Plumbing and Heating \$2,768.00. The council stated the bids were fairly close; however, Countryside Plumbing and Heating's air conditioner had a seer rating of 14.5 and Long Prairie Plumbing and Heating's unit had a seer rating of 13.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to award the quote for the air conditioning to the low bid of Countryside Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$2,768. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve pay request #12 from Di Mar Construction in the amount of \$183,954.84 for work at the wastewater treatment facility. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick motioned Towle seconded to approve budgeting in 2013 Central Minnesota Initiative Foundation's request for \$1,650. Motion unanimously carried.

The council stated the city and local organizations have been benefactors of grant funds through the Initiative Foundation which has been beneficial to the city.

The council discussed a request for an easement or possible sale of a parcel of property that lies north of County Road 5. The parcel was believed to have been part of the property purchased for the industrial park in the northern part of the city. The council did not feel they had much use of the parcel as far as a city property; therefore, it was suggested that if there was a purchaser for the property, they would prefer to sell the property than to grant an easement.

The council discussed the removal of a barricade at the end of Todd Street South and 6th Avenue South. The barricade was put in several years ago to prohibit individuals from driving across the grass areas to their property.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to have the public works department remove the barricade; however, the signage would remain in place. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that Rocky Lynn will be playing as part of the festivities for the motorcycle rally on Friday, August 17th, in front of the memorial wall. Rasmussen stated they would like to close off 1st Street North and South at the alleys and on Central Avenue between the 1st Street and approximately ½ a block of Central towards Highway 71. This would allow the band to set up at the memorial prior to the concert.

Council member Towle motioned Klick seconded to close off the portion of 1st Street between the alleys on 1st Street North and 1st Street South and Central Avenue from 1st Street to approximately ½ a block west of 1st Street on Central Avenue for August 17th. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Towle stated the sewer jetter has been fixed and has been picked up. Towle also stated that the sentence to serve crew was going to be trimming up the bushes at the library.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated the fire department will be having Dad's Belgium Waffles on August 18th.

Police Chief Kevin Langer stated the public works department, a county personnel, and he reviewed the parking around the Todd County Courthouse. The public works department was looking at the sign placement and painting of parking areas. Langer stated the department handled 248 incidents for the month of July and that the new police vehicle will not be delivered until the end of October.

Council member Klick stated the city received the quarterly liquor store reports. Incomes are slightly higher than the same period of 2011.

Mayor Rasmussen stated the engineering firm was proceeding with a rehabilitation of the airport runway and apron taxiway areas. The engineering firm is also beginning a study on the possibility of extending the runway at the airport.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor