

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, October 15, 2012**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 15, 2012. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Art Rowan, Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne, and City Administrator/Clerk David Venekamp. Council member Bob Klick was absent from the meeting.

Council member Rowan motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of October 1, 2012, and the October invoices. Motion unanimously carried.

The council reviewed the price estimates on the installation of a bypass line and pump for the backup lift station. The original estimate for the bypass line and pump was \$180,000; however, after changes to the original, the council reviewed an all hazard mitigation plan which includes 83 mitigation actions. The plan allows the county, as well as cities, to seek FEMA funding for eligible disasters. The Todd County Plan has identified 83 mitigation actions. The council adopted the mitigation action plan as developed by the county and indicated that the mitigation actions for all 3 items would be identified as yes in the event of possible FEMA funding.

Council member Gripne motioned Rowan seconded to adopt the following resolution for PERA police officer declaration for Dan Hoeschen:

RESOLUTION # 12-10-15-13
PERA POLICE OFFICER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of other; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire plan for eligible employees of police departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Long Prairie hereby declares that the position titled Police Officer, currently held by Daniel Hoeschen, meets all of the following Police and Fire membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime;
4. Said position gives this employee full power of arrest, and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body hereby requests that the above-named employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Police and Fire salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD

I, David Venekamp, City Administrator/Clerk of the City of Long Prairie, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of the resolution that was adopted at a meeting held on the 15th day of October, 2012; the original of which is on file in this office. I further certify that 4 members voted in favor of this resolution and that 4 members were present and voting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Motion unanimously carried.

Police Chief Kevin Langer stated that he will be attending a conference October 22nd and 23rd. The department completed Taser training and that the new Tahoe squad vehicle is in.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated that Johnny Saarela has served 25 years on the fire department. The department has also responded to 100 calls which are more than they've ever responded to in the 125 year existence of the fire department.

City Administrator Venekamp stated the city will be meeting with the FAA and MNDOT Aeronautics in St Cloud concerning funding of improvements at the Todd Field Airport. The airport commission is considering various improvements and the FAA and MNDOT jointly share in the costs of some of those improvements.

The council also received a final report on a small cities monitoring visit of the Long Prairie and Browerville housing project. The report commends the city on its efforts to implement the project as well as those of the former HRA Director Gertie Peterson and Todd County Social Services Housing Coordinator Phil Johnson. The report found that the city was in compliance with all the regulations and there were no findings or concerns in the management of the application and grant.

Council member Rowan motioned Towle seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor