

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 22, 2013**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Lilah Gripne, Bob Klick, Art Rowan, Tony Towle, and City Administrator/Clerk Dave Venekamp.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of January 7, 2013, and the December and January bills. Motion unanimously carried.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated the department is looking at the possible purchase of two defibrillators. The current defibrillators are outdated. In the past, the pads used by the defibrillators were replaced by the hospital for free. The hospital, however, has upgraded their defibrillators and no longer use the same pads as the fire department; therefore, they will not replace the pads. Jim stated the police department is purchasing three defibrillators with funds donated by an individual. By purchasing five units, they can get a price break on the defibrillators. Jim stated each defibrillator costs \$2,460 and carries a five year warranty. By purchasing the new defibrillators, which would be identical to the hospitals, the hospital will then provide the pads for the new units.

Jim indicated they would use funds raised through the firemen's fund raiser and a donation from Central Bi-Products to purchase the two units. They may also use some of their funds from their small tool account or a possible EMS grant. Jim indicated one of the old defibrillators would be placed in the fire department's Kubota and the police department defibrillators would be donated to the Sheriff's department.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to authorize the fire department to purchase two defibrillators at a unit price of \$2,460. Motion unanimously carried.

The council reviewed the city's water usage for 2012. The city pumped a total of 224,000,000 gallons of water. The city has approximately 1,050 users with the largest water users being Long Prairie Packing, Dan's Prize, and Daybreak Foods.

The council reviewed the 2012 building permits issued by the city. There were a total of 66 building permits with the largest building permits being Long Prairie Packing for their methane digester and Impact Technology for their new warehouse facility. There was one new home built within the city.

The council reviewed the engineers programming papers for the pavement rehabilitation of the Todd Field Airport runway, taxiway, and apron. The estimated total project cost of the improvements is approximately \$1,800,000. The project is expected to be funded in 2013 with work to be completed within the year.

The council reviewed a resolution concerning the city's flex program. The IRS has changed the maximum amount that the employee may set aside for the health care spending account at \$2,500. This is a reduction from the previous amount allowed under the plan.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to adopt the following resolution establishing the new limit for the affordable health care savings plan:

**RESOLUTION 13-01-22-01
ACTIONS TAKEN AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CONSENT
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE**

The undersigned, being all of the members of the City Council of the City of Long Prairie, hereby adopt the following Resolution by unanimous consent and direct that this Consent Resolution be entered in the minute books of the Employer.

WHEREAS, the Employer previously adopted a Code Section 125 Cafeteria Plan and a Code Section 105 Health Care Spending Account ("HCSA"), collectively referred to as the Flexible Benefits Plan (the "Plan");

WHEREAS, Article 9.02 of the Plan allows the Employer to amend the Plan;

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2013, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (the "Affordable Care Act") amended Internal Revenue Code Section 125(i) to limit salary reductions for HCSAs to \$2,500;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council has hereby reviewed the attached amendment and Summary of Material Modifications and does hereby approve the adoption of the amendment as set forth therein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Long Prairie City Council are authorized and directed to take any and all action as may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Motion unanimously carried.

The council reviewed the outstanding indebtedness of the city. The city's bond issues which include: general obligation, special assessment bonds, revenue bonds, and refunding bonds total \$13,181,000 at the end of 2012. Of that amount, the city has \$2.3 million dollars set aside to refund the 2006 G.O. improvement bond and the 2006 sewer revenue bond. The city also has a \$4.8 million dollar sewer revenue note which was for the addition onto the city's wastewater treatment facility and is to be paid by Long Prairie Packing. The city's outstanding debt, after taking into account the Long Prairie Packing note and the funds that have been set aside for the

refunding issue, would bring the city's total outstanding debt to approximately \$8 million dollars.

Council member Towle stated the public works department had repaired a water leak on 4th Street.

Council member Klick stated the liquor store is looking at waxing the floor and relocating the liquor and beer displays. They also purchased a used freezer for the display of frozen drinks.

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

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor