

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, June 17, 2013**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2013. 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 David Venekamp.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of June 3rd and the June invoices. Motion unanimously carried.

Police Chief Kevin Langer made a presentation of a Life Saving Award to Ryan Hanson and Gary Bentz. Langer stated that on May 22nd, at a girls' varsity softball playoff game in Wadena, Dan Wessel who was umpiring the game had collapsed. Officer Hanson and Gary Bentz performed CPR on Mr. Wessel. Mr. Wessel had stopped breathing on three different occasions. After performing CPR, Mr. Wessel was also shocked twice in order to keep him alive. The following day, Mr. Wessel had heart surgery. Without the actions of Hanson and Bentz, Mr. Wessel would not have survived. Kevin presented both Gary and Ryan with certificates of Life Saving Award. Mr. Wessel was present and thanked the individuals for their quick response and efforts in keeping him alive. Mr. Wessel stated he cannot thank Hanson and Bentz enough; and that without their help, he would not be here today.

The council reviewed the Business Continuity Plan for the city. The plan is a requirement under the FAA funding guidelines. The Business Continuity Plan outlines the steps the city would take should something happen that the administration portion of the city would not be functioning; and the steps needed to bring that portion of the city back up and running.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve the Business Continuity Plan as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The council discussed Centra Care's request for the city to revise their cigarette ordinance to account for new types of tobacco products. The council discussed whether the city should update the ordinance or not.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to have the city attorney review the city ordinance and the proposed League of MN Cities ordinances on cigarette licensing. Motion unanimously carried.

The council reviewed the engineering contract for airport improvements at Todd Field. In addition to the engineering contract, the city also needs to submit a letter to the FAA outlining their intent to proceed with the airport runway and apron reconstruction.

Council member Rowan motioned Towle seconded to approve the engineering contract for airport improvements at Todd Field consisting of runway and apron reconstruction. Roll call: Yes; Klick, Rowan, Towle, Gripne, Rasmussen. Motion unanimously carried.

The council discussed the possibility of a CEP employee to work up to 29 hours a week in the public works department. The CEP agency office had contacted the city to see if they would be interested in having a CEP employee work with the city. The consensus of the council was to use the CEP employee if provided.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated the Menahga Chamber of Commerce has invited the fire departments that assisted in fighting the fire in the Menahga area to be Grand Marshals of their parade on July 6th. Kreemer asked the council if it would be okay to take the 4x4 pickup and Kubota unit on July 6th to be a participant in the parade. The consensus of the council was to allow the fire department to attend the parade as requested.

Council member Klick motioned Rowan seconded to appoint Marie Siegle to the Long Prairie Park Board to replace Pam Reinbold. Motion unanimously carried.

City Administrator Venekamp stated they had met with PDGA course designer Tim Mackey concerning the layout of the nine hole disc golf course on the south end of Lake Charlotte Park on Tuesday.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor