

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, September 16, 2013**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 16, 2013. 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 September 3, 2013 as corrected and the September invoices. Motion unanimously carried.

The council discussed a request by the Long Prairie Chamber Manager Karen Nauber to close off Central Avenue from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on October 4th for the high school homecoming parade. The council indicated that last year they had closed Central Avenue from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. for the homecoming parade which seemed to be adequate for the parade.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to close off Central Avenue from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. on October 4th for the homecoming parade. Motion unanimously carried.

Terry Lanoue introduced himself to the city council. Mr. Lanoue is looking at purchasing Long Prairie Sanitary Service from Lert and Lona Zander. Terry indicated he has been in the refuse business for over 30 years and that he has been working with the Zanders on purchasing the company. Mr. Lanoue asked the council if they would be willing to enter into a 5 year agreement with him, effective October 1st, should he purchase the garbage service. Terry indicated he plans on keeping the same staff and provide the same service as the Zanders have for the community.

Council member Rowan motioned Towle seconded that upon the sale of the Long Prairie Sanitary Service business to Mr. Lanoue, the city would enter into a 63 month contract for services with Mr. Lanoue doing business as Long Prairie Sanitation effective October 1, 2013. Motion unanimously carried.

The council reviewed proposed changes to the city's ordinance on solid waste. Several years ago, the council had changed the contract for Long Prairie Sanitary Service to allow other entities to provide roll off dumpsters for demolition material. The council, however, did not change the ordinance to coincide with the change in the contract. The proposed changes would modify the ordinance to allow for other entities to provide roll off dumpsters.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to set a public hearing on the proposed ordinance to amend various sections of the garbage ordinance for 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 7th. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick motioned Rasmussen seconded to approve a solicitation permit to Elen Tsopp for the sale of educational books. Motion unanimously carried.

The council reviewed a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the airport runway and apron improvements. The city had previously agreed to enter into an agreement with the FAA for the federal portion of those improvements.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #13-09-16-12
AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT
EXCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION**

It is resolved by the City of Long Prairie as Follows:

1. That the state of Minnesota Agreement No. 04125, "Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition," for State Project No. A7701-29 at the Long Prairie Municipal Airport is accepted.
2. That the Mayor and City Administrator are authorized to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the City of Long Prairie.

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Motion unanimously carried.

The council reviewed the proposed increase in health insurance premiums for the employees for 2014. The employee health insurance premiums will increase 2% over the 2013 rates.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve the proposed rate increase for employee health insurance premiums through Resource Training for 2014. Roll call: Yes; Towle, Gripne, Klick, Rowan, Rasmussen. Motion unanimously carried.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated the Fire Department Relief Association is looking at doing another annual fund raiser. The fund raiser is a mailing asking for donations to the department. Approximately 2800 letters will be sent out to property owners within the coverage area of the Long Prairie Fire Department.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to allow the Fire Department Relief Association to do their mail fund raiser. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick stated that Steve Rist has resigned from the park board and the park board has recommended David Determan as Steve's replacement to the board.

Council member Klick motioned Rowan seconded to appoint David Determan to the Long Prairie Park Board as recommended by the park board. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick stated the park board also discussed the Frisbee golf course which is proposed for 14 acres of land south of Lake Charlotte Park. The park board was in agreement to proceed with the development of the land into a Frisbee golf course.

The council discussed the possible improvements needed to do the Frisbee golf course and indicated they will have it placed on the next council meeting to review.

City Administrator Venekamp stated the city received 21 applications for the public works position. The mayor, department liaison, public works director, and city administrator will review the applicants, interview them, and make a recommendation to the council for the position.

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

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor