

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, May 19, 2014**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2014. 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 Brenda Thomes.

Council member Klick motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of April 21, 2014 and the May bills. Motion unanimously carried.

Police Chief Kevin Langer explained to the council that it is time to purchase a new vehicle. We have budgeted for this vehicle and it will take about 120 days for the new vehicle to come in once it is purchased. The police department decided to go with the Tahoe for several reasons: the equipment stays warm inside the vehicle; better resale value; easier for the officers to get in and out of; easier to situate all their equipment inside the vehicle once everything; and easier for transporting. The cost of the new vehicle is approximately \$32,367.30 plus some additional charges for upgrades. Upgrading the wheels will be an additional cost of \$510.00.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve the purchase of the new 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve a resolution acknowledging the following donations:

**Resolution #14-05-05
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie has received the following donations during the months of April, for the following purposes:

Donor	Amount	Purpose
Gaylord and Mary Saetre	\$50.00	Police – equipment fund
Casey's	\$50.00	Police – DARE – bike safety

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Long Prairie acknowledges and accepts the donations received the month of April.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the City Council of the City of Long Prairie expresses its thanks and appreciation for the donations to all Donor(s) listed.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2014, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to approve a solicitation permit for Klemish Tree Service. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Rowan stated the public works department has been working on some leaks in the city and they should have them repaired at this time.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer informed the council that he is getting bids for the doors to put keypads at the fire hall on the south side door and later will look at the north door. Kreemer expressed to the council that he would like them to look at putting a rental ordinance together. Kreemer had met with the fire marshal and they discussed the need for a rental ordinance for the health and safety of the city. Kreemer stated the department will be interviewing candidates for the two open positions for fire fighters in the next few weeks.

Police Chief Kevin Langer informed the council that there were 305 incidents during the month. There were 14 pounds of drugs taken in during the Drug Take Back and 48 pounds taken in at city hall. Langer gave a report to the council on the Community Concern for Youth. About 40 children completed a bike safety program on Saturday, May 17, 2014. There will be a meeting with MN Rural Water to discuss MnWARN Utility helping utility Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Langer stated there is a need for a street light by the Sheriff's Department on the eastside where the most traffic is during the evening. The cost of the pole would be \$58 per month. The light would be placed across the street making it easier to see. Langer stated there is currently a stump in the location where they would like the light to be placed. Council felt this would be a good opportunity for the public works to tryout their new stump grinder to remove the stump. Langer also told the council that he would be running for County Sheriff in the upcoming election.

Council member Rowan motioned Towle seconded to go forward with putting up a street light on the eastside across from the Sheriff's Department. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Gripne informed the council they are still working on getting prices for aprons at the liquor store; and the scanning equipment is working very well. The lumber yard has been sold and they are working on getting the new owners in and getting them set up. Joe Messer will be going in and trimming the trees out at the Frisbee Park. There have been no applicants in the last month for life guards so they will put out another ad.

Council member Klick informed the council that the summer reading program will be starting soon at the library and the new EDA door will be working. Sign out sheets for the restrooms have been working very well.

Mayor Rasmussen informed the council that the airport project was set back one week. The project will now be starting May 27th. A memo went out to all the people that have hangars at

the airport to inform them that the construction has been delayed one week. Rasmussen stated he had attended the Community Concern for Youth meeting. Rasmussen stated tourism was having a little difficulty in getting people to buy ads this round for music in the park.

City Administrator/Clerk Thomes stated McDonalds will be opening August 7th. The supervisor from McDonalds had contacted city hall to let them know that August 7, 2014, McDonalds will be open. They will hold a VIP day on August 4th and 5th. They will be looking for about 50 people for employment and will place a banner at the construction site with information. There is also a website www.mc.minnesota.com where people can find information on employment. Training will be held in Sauk Centre. Thomes also stated she had received an email from the National Joint Powers Association. The National Joint Powers is putting a committee together to assist them in guidance in their regional program and they are looking for 5 administrators in the region; and, along with Region 5, are asking Thomes to join the committee. Council felt this was a very good idea for Thomes to join the committee. We have been a member of the National Joint Powers Alliance since 1999 and we have received our certificate of membership.

City Administrator/Clerk Thomes informed the council about the Greater Minnesota Regional Park and Trail Commission meeting on June 18, 2014. The commission is looking for 2 volunteers to attend this meeting.

There will be a planning and zoning meeting at 4:30 p.m., May 27, 21014

The next council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday June 2, 2014.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor