

**City of Long Prairie  
Council Meeting  
7:00 P.M., Monday, October 20, 2014**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 20, 2014. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members, Lilah Gripne, Tony Towle, Art Rowan, Bob Klick, and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

**Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of October 6th, October 15th, and the October bills. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council heard a request from the FFA to post the Proud FFA Community sign when you enter the city limits at T.H. 287, T.H. 27, and US 71 north and south. The Chapter Officers are Tanner Gjerstad, Jacob Dinkel, and Shyanne Johnson stated how the FFA participates in several events within the city. Adopt the highway project, county fair petting zoo, and they offered to help with Mosquito Park.

**Councilor Towle motioned Klick seconded to approve the sign being posted at the entrance of town on T.H. 287, T.H. 27, and US 71 north and south. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council discussed a variance application request from John Dempsey. Mr. Dempsey is looking at installing a holding tank located at 123 Buelow Lane. Mr. Dempsey would like to replace his old system with a new holding tank system for his septic.

**Councilor Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve the variance application by John Dempsey as recommended by Planning and Zoning. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council stated they were very pleased to see little has changed on our health care plan for 2015. The cost decreased about 5%.

**Councilor Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield 2015 health care plan. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council discussed a claim submitted to the city by Sharon Brown for a power outage. There was also a claim submitted from Minnesota Power for damage on that same date. This claim was located at the property on Gooseberry Trail by the Frisbee Park. The total claim from Minnesota Power was \$470.45 and Sharon Brown's claim was \$45.

**Councilor Gripne motioned Klick seconded to send both bills to our insurance agency and do a claim with the League of MN Cities. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council set a public hearing notice for Monday, November 3, 2014, for Martin Montanez DBA Novedades Bronco currency exchange licensee for 2015. A notice will be sent to the Leader.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated the donation from Dan's Prize is going to be used for replacing the current gas meters. The Fire Department will be purchasing two new gas meters and taking the old ones out of service.

**Councilor Klick motioned Towle seconded to accept resolution #14-10-20 acknowledging donations from Dan's Prize in the amount of \$1,000 for the fire department. Motion unanimously carried.**

**Councilor Klick motioned Mayor Rasmussen seconded to approve the gambling permit for St. Mary of Mt. Carmel for November 23, 2014. Motion unanimously carried.**

Tim King sent an email inviting the council to attend the unveiling of the new mural on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Council stated they had received a thank you letter from Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District thanking the council for the donation of \$300 for the Enviro-Fest.

Council discussed a request by Long Prairie School Superintendent Jon Kringen asking if the city would like to cancel the 99 year lease at Soldier's Field, so the school could continue with plans of possibly selling the property. Council will table this request until the next council meeting at which time they will invite Superintendent Kringen to discuss this matter a little closer.

**Councilor Rowan motioned Towle seconded to table and request Superintendent Kringen to come to the next council meeting to discuss Soldier's Field. Motion unanimously carried.**

Councilor Klick stated Connie Nelson will be at the library on Tuesday, October 28th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Connie will be presenting her book "Stolen Years".

Councilor Grippe stated there is an EDA manufacturers' breakfast on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. The final plat for Centra Care has been tabled until the rest of the items associated with the plat can be completed. The park board met and sent a request back to the city council to approve Mr. Mackey's request of \$900 to complete the Frisbee Park next spring.

**Councilor Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve the \$900 for Mr. Mackey to complete the Frisbee Park in 2015.**

Mayor Rasmussen stated there was a meeting with the FAA discussing plans of the Long Prairie Airport's CIP. They have requested the city to do a ten year plan as opposed to a five year plan. The city has inquired about jet traffic at our airport and FAA stated in order to have jet traffic, we would need to expand our runway up to 5,000 feet. In addition to that, we would need to have 500 transports of jet planes at our airport to qualify for the expansion. In the meantime, we have been approved for a 500 foot runway expansion. The benefit of this expansion will change the pilots landing from a visual of 1,000 feet to instrument approach of 500 feet at our airport.

City Administrator/Clerk Thomes stated we will know Tuesday if we have received the grant for the Jacob Brower Trail project.

The next council meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 3, 2014.

**Councilor Klick motioned Towle seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.**

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Brenda Thomes  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor