

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 20, 2015

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Acting Mayor Lilah Gripne called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Tony Towle, Art Rowan, Devin Hines, and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes. Mayor Don Rasmussen was absent from the meeting.

Councilor Rowan motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of January 5, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Rowan motioned Towle seconded to approve the January bills. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to adopt the following resolution #15-01-20-03 from Central Bi in the amount of \$2,000 to the Long Prairie Fire Department:

**Resolution #15-01-20-03
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie has received the following donations during the month(s) of January, for the following purposes:

Donor	Amount	Purpose
Central Bi	\$2,000.00	LP Fire Dept Donation

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 January.

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 20th day of January, 2015, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Lilah Gripne
Acting Mayor

Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Rowan motioned Hines seconded to adopt the following resolution #15-01-20-4 calling for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed modification to the development program for the Master Development District No. 1 and the proposed establishment of tax increment financing District No. 1-12 therein and the adoption of the tax increment financing plan therefor:

Motion unanimously carried.

The public hearing is scheduled for March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve a gambling permit for St. Mary of Mount Carmel for a raffle on March 8, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Rowan motioned Towle seconded to continue with the lease agreement with Agua Gorda Co-op for 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the Region 5 Innovation funding agreement. This agreement relates to a grant that the city has received from the National Joint Powers Alliance for a feasibility study for the trail project running from the Wobegon Trail up to Wadena.

Councilor Rowan motioned Towle seconded to adopt the Region 5 Innovation Funding Agreement with the National Joint Powers Alliance. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the 2015 contract with Peters and Churchwell. The firm handles civil matters which include ordinance preparation, contracts, franchises, code enforcement, regulatory issues, and civil litigation. Their monthly fee of \$1,300 has not changed from last year.

Councilor Rowan motioned Towle seconded to adopt the contract with Peters and Churchwell. Motion unanimously carried

Councilor Rowan motioned Towle seconded to Retain Ehlers as Dissemination Agent for Issuer Continuing Disclosures Required Under Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"). Motion unanimously carried.

Council reviewed the job description for the new public works employee and felt there were no changes from when we last hired. We will go forward with placing the ad for a public works employee.

Dennis Bacon submitted in the amount of \$15,500 for the 2014 audit. This amount is \$500 higher than last year.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to continue with Dennis Bacon for the 2014 auditing services in the amount of \$15,500. Motion unanimously carried.

The city has received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Blandin Foundation for the engineer's proposal for broadband. We will be working with the Initiative Foundation for an additional grant and the community group of Long Prairie to assist with funding the project.

Police Chief Kevin Langer presented a letter stating the police department has received funds for an in-squad computer grant. This is a 50/50 match grant. The computer is about \$6,000 so the grant is about \$3,000 with the city matching \$3,000.

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to approve the Long Prairie Volunteer Fire Department's recommendation to appoint Jim Kreemer as Fire Chief for 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

It was noted that Jim was first appointed fire chief in 2003.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated that the annual township meeting will be February 4th starting at 8:00 pm. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

Councilor Hines stated he met with Public Works Director Dan Spieker and toured the water and wastewater treatment plant. He was impressed with our facilities.

Councilor Rowan noted the in-squad grant that the police department received and the township meeting on February 4th as stated by Jim Kreemer.

Councilor Towle noted that the patch on the roof of the liquor store has been completed. Towle stated the library has several items that need to be addressed. He suggested the library make a list and he will have the sentence to serve take care of those items. The library will hold an event "Lives of Wolves and Coyotes" for anyone interested. Towle stated there were not enough people for a quorum for the park board meeting.

Councilor Gripne noted that Planning & Zoning did not have a meeting and EDA has started working on the comp plan.

It was noted that the windsock light at the airport was not working but has now been repaired.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Lilah Gripne
Acting Mayor