City of Long Prairie

Council meeting

7:00 P.M., Monday, October 19, 2015

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 19, 2015. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Art Rowan, Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne, Devin Hines, and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

**Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve the council minutes of October 5, 2015 and the October bills. Motion carried**.

**Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne motioned to approve a request by the First Baptist Church for the evening of October 31st while they host a Trunk or Treat from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Council requested that signs be put up around noon on the 31st by Public Works. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Gripne motioned Rowan seconded to approve two gambling permits for raffles submitted by Centra Care Health on December 5, 2015, and January 4, 2016. Motion carried.**

Council discussed the Bright Friday Lights parade scheduled for Friday, November 27, 2015. We are receiving donations for the parade, fireworks, petting zoo, the trick or treat and Santa Claus. The city is working with business owners for the donations. The council suggested the petting zoo be placed by the old city hall in the back parking lot. It will go along with the movie that the Library will be having. This will allow the kids to go from the movie, to the petting zoo, and then uptown for the parade.

The city submitted a grant request to Todd County Health Education Coordinator in the amount of $400.32. This was a grant that was still available and approved for the city for the Frisbee Park. We are now looking at doing a Kiosk sign in the amount of $400.32. Council was very happy and would like to say thanks the Morrison-Todd-Wadena Community Health Board’s Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant’.

Council set a special city council meeting for October 29, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. the MPCA will be meeting here at city hall to discuss the petroleum leak with downtown businesses. This happened by the old creamery 22 years ago.

**Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne to accept the special city council meeting on October 29, 2015. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve a Temporary On-sale Liquor License application for the American Legion for November 22, 2015. Motion carried.**

Councilor Hines briefly updated the council on public works. They are looking at replacing tires on their vehicles and getting them ready for the winter. They are getting all the holiday lights out and the Christmas decorations up.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated that there are currently 22 members on the fire department including the 2 new hire of firemen on the department. They are going to review their bi-laws to possible increase their members to 24.

Councilor Rowan reported that the police department received a donation in the amount of $400 from Todd/Wadena Electrical Corporation.

**Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to approve the donation of $400 from Todd/Wadena Electrical Corporation. Motion carried.**

Council stated the city has signed up to participate in the Trick or Treat festivities on Friday, October 30, 2015.

Councilor Gripne stated that the Manufacturers’ Breakfast went off very well. There was a great deal of attendance**.** There was also a great deal of attendance for the updating of the Comp Plan which was wonderful with a lot of discussion.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that the airport is still working on the 500 foot extension. Tourism has started to plan for next year.

Administrator Thomes discussed the letter that we received from the Keizer family. Bonnie Keizer is moving into a nursing home and she participated in the housing loan grant. Her grant request does come up in about 11 months. The request is to just release the Keizer’s from that agreement.

**Councilor Towle motioned Rowan seconded to approve the release of the housing loan grant for the Keizer family. Motion carried**.

**Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

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