

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday August 3, 2015

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 3, 2015. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Art Rowan, Devin Hines, Lilah Gripne, Tony Towle, and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of July 20, 2015 with two corrections: 1 – National Night out was August 4th, not August 20th and 2 – Vice President Sue Stine. Motion unanimously carried.

Kent from Bolten & Menk discussed with the council the water meter project, the price difference, and the compound meter that was in question. At this time, all bids will be rejected from DSG and Ferguson. This is a recommendation from staff and engineers.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to accept the rejection of the bids for the water meter improvement project based on staff and engineer's recommendation. Motion unanimously carried.

A letter has been sent to the Colonel regarding the Armory and we are waiting for a response.

Councilor Rowan motioned Hines seconded to renew the liquor license for the American Legion Post 12. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the preventative maintenance from Ziegler on a couple of generators for the city. This is an expensive cost for maintenance and was tabled at this time.

Councilor Rowan motioned Towle seconded to table the Ziegler preventative maintenance until Administrator Thomes brings back further information. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the presale report to refinance 2007A G.O. Bond and Water Project. This project may only finish in December. There is a time lapse in getting all the pieces in for the project.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the following resolution 8-3-15-01 a resolution approving the sale of G.O. Obligation Water Revenue and Refunding Bonds Series 2015A:

Resolution No. 08-03-15 01

Council Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**Resolution Providing for the Sale of
\$1,340,000 General Obligation Water Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A**

A. WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Prairie, Minnesota has heretofore determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue the City's \$1,340,000 General Obligation Water Revenue and

Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A (the "Bonds"), to finance the construction of various improvements to the municipal water system and to crossover refund the City's outstanding Series 2007A G.O. Water Utility Revenue Bonds for an interest cost savings; and

- B. WHEREAS, the City has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc., in Roseville, Minnesota ("Ehlers"), as its independent financial advisor for the Bonds in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie, Minnesota, as follows:

1. Authorization; Findings. The City Council hereby authorizes Ehlers to assist the City for the sale of the Bonds.
2. Meeting; Proposal Opening. The City Council shall meet at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2015, for the purpose of considering proposals for and awarding the sale of the Bonds.
3. Official Statement. In connection with said sale, the officers or employees of the City are hereby authorized to cooperate with Ehlers and participate in the preparation of an official statement for the Bonds and to execute and deliver it on behalf of the City upon its completion.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by City Council Member _____ and, after full discussion thereof and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following City Council Members voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2015.

City Administrator-Clerk

Roll call: Yes; Rowan, Gripne, Hines, Towle, Rasmussen. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Hines noted that public works is working finishing up the Frisbee Park for their Grand Opening and mowing.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer noted that Pete Haugen has resigned from the fire department and they have hired Jason Sellnow. They will be meeting with James Ruiz as a potential fireman. National Night out is on Tuesday, August 4th.

Police Chief Kevin noted that Brittney has applied for the city of Alexandria and has not heard anything. Charles Swiggum has applied with the City of Sauk Rapids and is going through the interview process. There was a forfeiture truck that was sold at 4-Bid. Langer noted that there were 419 ICR's for the month of July. LifeLink will attend the National Night Out and will be serving root beer floats.

The Fishing Clown will be at the Library and the Frisbee Park will be opening on August 6th.

There has been no planning and zoning meeting. EDA is still working on getting the comp plan finished. There was a meeting with Justin Bearsly with the National Joint Powers who will be helping the EDA get the rest of the comp plan completed.

There were 242 looks at the City of Long Prairie and, out of that 242, 195 of them were all within the last month. We are looking at Explore Minnesota passing through the information with all the good things going on here in Long Prairie.

The airport is still working on the 500 foot extension.

Community Concern for Youth will have a meeting at 1:00 p.m., August 13, 2015.

Administrator Thomes is working on the finalization of the Broadband Grants.

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor