

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, July 25, 2016

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2016. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Devin Hines, James Ruiz, Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

Council Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the council minutes for July 11th and the July bills. Motion carried.

Council discussed the sale of the two bonds that the city is in the process of selling.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve resolution #16-07-25:01 titled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE, AWARDED SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF \$3,610,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2016A”; and resolution #16-07-25:02 titled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE, AWARDED SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF \$3,610,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2016A. Roll call: Yes; all. Motioned carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve resolution #16-07-25:03 titled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE, AWARDED SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF \$870,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX INCREMENT BONDS, SERIES 2016B”; and resolution #16-07-25:04 titled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE, AWARDED SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF \$870,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX INCREMENT BONDS, SERIES 2016B”.. Roll call: Yes; all. Motion carried.

The resolutions may be viewed at City Hall.

Kevin Hess, Christy Westbrook, and Joe Buttweiler of Consolidated Telephone Company gave a presentation on what CTC was all about and their philosophy behind Consolidated Telephone Company.

Kent Louwagie of Bolton & Menk discussed with the council the 2016 road project and the CentraCare project. Kent noted that Fairview Avenue is working with the main line on the service lines. They are in the process of rebuilding the road. That location should be wrapped up in the next 2 weeks. They will be starting on 8th Street towards the end of the week and setting up the temporary water and sewer lines.

Council discussed an application to renew the Health Care Savings Plan for 2016. The non-union group would like to increase their participation into their HCSP from 1% to 2%. This is a contribution non-union staff members make from their payroll checks to their Health Care Savings Plan.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve the renewal contract for the Health

Care Savings Plan and also to increase the participation from 1% to 2% for non-union staff members contribution to their personal Health Care Savings Plan. Motion carried.

Council discussed the Minnesota Department of Health Part 1 of the Wellhead Protection Plan. There was a brief discussion of the improvements that were done on the protection plan. This is Phase 1.

Councilor Hines motioned Towle seconded to approve the amendments to the Wellhead Protection Plan, the drinking water supply management area, delineation, wellhead drinking water supply management area vulnerable assessment for Long Prairie for 2016. Part 1 has been completed and a letter will be sent out to the Minnesota Department of Health informing them that we have approved Part 1 of the Plan. Motion carried.

Council discussed the Ziegler preventative maintenance for the wastewater treatment plant for serial #2160047179. This is the maintenance program and we are taking Level 1 and Level 5 only; the 64 point inspection and the load bank testing totaling \$3,720. For Serial #085Z05834, we are doing Level 1 and Level 5 totaling \$2,655. The total for both inspections is \$6,375. We are not doing the battery replacement on the Volvo generator. The city will do that themselves.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the Ziegler Cat maintenance agreement for a total of \$6,375. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to approve the renewal of the American Legion liquor license. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Ruiz seconded to approve a temporary on-sale liquor license for Thunder Lodge. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the following resolution for donations:

**Resolution #16-07-25:05
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
Dan's Prize	\$1000.00	LP Fire Department

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 July.

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 25th day of July, 2016, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Councilor Hines stated the grass is being mowed and public works is trying to stay caught up on that and trying to keep up with the road construction project that is going on.

Councilor Ruiz stated August 2nd will be National Night Out at Lake Charlotte Park from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. August 3rd, Officer Larson will be attending pursuit driving school for the 5 year refresher. Officer Lashinski started on July 18th and will be trained for full time duty with scheduled rotations starting on the 26th. The Long Prairie Rotary Club will be sponsoring Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on the 16th at 7:00 p.m. at Long Prairie High School.

Councilor Gripne stated there will be a Planning and Zoning meeting on August 22nd. EDA is working with finalizing everything for the Comp Plan.

Mayor Rasmussen stated they are moving forward with Tourism. They are actually starting to look into fall programs. The airport will be having 2 additional meetings August 10th and August 24th. These are all with the FAA in regards to our CIP for the airport.

Administrator Thomes discussed the 2 incidents with dog bites in the city. Public works is asking to carry mace with them. Administrator Thomes will discuss this with Chief Langer when he gets back next week and bring their findings to the council. With one dog bite that occurred, the dog was put to sleep on July 20th. Julie Draxten, the owner of the dog, stated that the little boy had come over to play in their yard with their child and the 10 month old boxer was outside. Apparently, the dog bit the child. After the waiting period, the Draxten's put the 10 month old dog down. The other bite occurred on the property of the dog's owner while the public works employee was reading the meter. The city has sent Wade Dixon a letter stating the city will only estimate water readings until they remove the dog from the area where the meters are or have the dog located in the house.

The next council meeting will be on August 1st. Council meetings are changing back to the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor