

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, November 21, 2016

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 21, 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.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to accept the addition to the agenda under appointments: 3. Long Prairie American Legion and VFW members. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of November 7th and the November bills. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen called to order a public hearing at 7:03 p.m., on a rezoning request. K.B.T. is requesting a rezoning change from residential to commercial for the following parcels:

- 36-0092200
- 36-0091700
- 36-0091600

These properties to be rezoned lie at the East end of State 27, which is in the eastern portion of the city.

Councilor Towle motioned Ruiz seconded to approve the rezoning of the property from residential to commercial. Roll call: Yes; Hines, Towle, Ruiz, Gripne, Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Council discussed the update on the 2016 project. Most of the work was done on the project and tied up for the winter except for 6 driveways down by the fairgrounds. Bolton and Menk has been in contact with all 6 of the property owners. There are 3 bogs that need to be removed from Lake Charlotte due to the dewatering. RL Larson is working on that. The dewatering should end on Friday, November 25th.

Members from the Long Prairie American Legion and VFW were in attendance to discuss the transfer of property from the City of Long Prairie to the Long Prairie American Legion and the VFW. The city council has the option to donate the Veterans Memorial back to the American Legion and the VFW. If they so choose to go this route, they will need to direct city attorney and city administrator to draft the appropriate documentation and transfer the memorial to both of those entities.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to go forward with the city attorney and city administrator to work with the American Legion and the VFW to donate the Veterans Memorial back to the VFW and the American Legion. Roll call: Yes; Towle, Ruiz, Gripne, Hines, Rasmussen. Motion Carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the Fireworks Permit for Pyrotechnics Display, Inc. Motion carried.

Council discussed a bid that was received to replace the flooring at the Senior Center. Earlier this

summer, there was some flooding and the back portion of the Senior Center flooring had to be replaced. As long as we were getting that project done, the city was looking at requesting to replace the flooring in the front section of the Senior Center. The flooring in the front is very broken and has a wave to it. The cost of the project is \$4,174.50

Council discussed bids for a new air handler and condenser at the wastewater treatment plant. This was put on hold until we get revised bids.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the following resolution #16-11-21:01 acknowledging donations:

**Resolution #16-11-21:01
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
CMCU Foundation	\$1,000.00	Long Prairie Police Dept

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 November.

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 21st day of November, 2016, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Motion carried.

Councilor Hines stated the public works was working getting the snow removed off the streets and replacing a few mailboxes that were hit with the snowplows. They were working at the water treatment plant. There were some electrical condensers that needed to be replaced which will be brought up at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer noted the fire out at the shaving plant. There was an estimate of \$250,000 to \$500,000 dollars in damages. There were no injuries. The Santa Parade will be on Friday the day after Thanksgiving.

Councilor Towle stated that everything is running smooth. There are some bulbs out at the library.

Councilor Gripne stated on December 8th there will be an EDA meeting over at MN National; and December 12th is a planning and zoning meeting.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that tourism is gearing up for next summer and booking events.

Administrator Thomes stated she was invited to speak at a conference in February for Ehlers regarding broadband.

Councilor Gripne motioned Ruiz seconded to adjourn at 7:45. Motion carried.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor