

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday April 17th, 2023
City Council Meeting Held in Person & Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met in person and by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday April 17th, 2023, Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, David Wright, Clint Krueger, Jim Kreemer and City Administrator Ted Gray. Council member Lilah Gripne was absent. Others present Police Chief Ryan Hanson, Officer Rodger Lowe, Luan Brunkhorst, Kent Louwagie, Mark Bless, and Bob Klick.

Council member Wright motioned Dixon seconded to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Approve Agenda for April 17th, 2023.**
- (b) Approve Council Meeting Minutes from April 3rd, 2023.**
- (c) Approve Bills for March through April 14th.**

Motion carried unanimously.

(Public Comments)

Mayor Dixon commented on the need to create a composting site within the City of Long Prairie. She asked Administrator Gray to review possible locations and policies to have this created.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Krueger reported on the Public Works and Parks. The daily water/ wastewater rounds and samples are going fine. Public works has been busy with patching holes, sweeping streets and working on locates in the project area. In the next few weeks, we will continue patching holes, sweeping streets and getting parks ready to open. The wastewater treatment plant is scheduled to do our Chronic Whole Effluent Toxicity test this week. This is a 3-day test and public works staff will be taking the samples to a lab in Woodbury.

Public Safety: Council member Wright reported on the Police and Fire Departments. The Firemen's Dance was on Saturday April 15th. There will be an upcoming house fire training in Clarissa. The Police Department handled 180 calls in the last two weeks. The 2023 Police Squad arrived last week and should be in operation by mid-May.

EDA: Council member Wright reported on the upcoming EDA meeting. They will be hearing updates on the Childcare Project, Mainstreet Revitalization Grants, and a revolving loan request.

Liquor Store: Council member Kreemer reported that the Liquor Store will be closed on Monday April 24th to allow for the new flooring to be installed.

Community: Mayor Dixon reported on the upcoming TCCCA volunteer recognition program. On Thursday April 20th, the National Legion Commander will be at the Long Prairie Legion for lunch. Mayor Dixon discussed the upcoming color run held by the Long Prairie Grey Eagle Elementary School.

Administrator Gary reported on the flooding occurred on 1st Ave SW and the research that is being done to review this concern.

(New Business)

The council reviewed and discussed a Conditional Use Permit and Variance requested by Jeremy Weber, owner of Hart Mall, which would allow for an additional apartment that has been constructed to exist at the Hart Mall. Administrator Gray presented to the council Planning and Zoning's decisions on the conditional user permit and variance. Planning and Zoning recommended approval of the conditional use permit with the conditions that an electrical inspection be completed, all permits are applied for, that an inspection is completed for the water heater and furnace, and the back staircase be replaced within 6 months. Administrator Gray also added that there be deadlines for the completion of the inspections listed above. The Planning and Zoning commission deemed that the variance was not applicable in the allowance of this apartment to exist. The main concern that the council discussed with Mr. Weber was if the Hart Mall was structurally sound to allow for additional apartments to exist in it and if a condition should be added to the CUP that would require Mr. Weber to provide a documentation proving the structures integrity. There was mention by Administrator Gray that there had been a structural engineers report from 2019, that was referenced in an insurance claim in the summer of 2019. Through the discussion the council discussed a 60-Day extension to allow for collection and research of additional documents related to this request.

Council member Kreemer motioned Kreuger seconded to approve the 60-Day extension on the decision regarding the Conditional Use Permit for the Hart Mall. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dixon motioned Kreuger seconded to approve the on-sale intoxicating and Sunday liquor license for Mi Puebilto Market, INC. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, motioned by Dixon seconded by Kreemer to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Ted Gray, City Administrator

Jodi Dixon, Mayor