

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday May 15th, 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 May 15th, 2023, Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, David Wright, Jim Kreemer, Lilah Grippe, Clint Krueger, and City Administrator Ted Gray. Others present Police Chief Ryan Hanson, Kent Louwagie, Officer Trevor Larson, Fire Chief Dan Laumeier, Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst, Amanda Hinson, Charles Olson, and Taela Olson.

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for May 1st, 2023, with the addition of New Business Item numbers 8 & 9; Discussion on City's Main Sewer Lift Station and Long Prairie Farmer's Market parking lot request.**
- (b) Approve Council Meeting Minutes from May 1st, 2023**
- (c) Approve Bills from April through May 12th, 2023.**

Motion carried unanimously.

(Public Comment)

Amanda Hinson addressed the council regarding concerns of noise, parking, toxic fumes on R-Way Manufacturing. Amanda presented a petition signed by residents in the area around R-Way to the City Council asking for council review and enforcement of ordinances for these concerns.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Kreuger presented the council the Public Works report. Administrator Gray presented a report regarding the MPCA inspection that occurred at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant passed the inspection with out any violations or corrections present to MPCA.

EDA: Council member Wright reported that the EDA Meeting will be on Wednesday May 17th.

Public Safety: Council member Wright reported on the Police and Fire Departments. The Fire Department completed its annual truck cleaning. Both the Police and Fire Departments will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 29th at 10:00 am. The Police Department responded to 180 calls over the last 2 weeks.

Fire Chief Dan Laumeier expressed gratitude to Lisa and David Wright for their actions taken during the fire that occurred in their neighborhood.

Liquor Store: Council member Kreemer presented information that Liquor Store Manager Pam Koska obtained from the annual Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association conference that was held at the end of April.

Planning and Zoning: Council member Kreemer reported on the Planning and Zoning meeting that occurred earlier on May 15th. The meeting was adjourned to June 5th at 4:45 pm for a decision on the variance and plating of the Wastewater Treatment Pond sale to Central Bi.

Library: Council member Gripne reported on the upcoming library events. The library story boards will be out around Harmony Park starting on June 5th. On May 25th there will be a presentation titled “America’s First Ladies” from 1-2 pm at the library. On June 7th there will be a ventriloquist act from 2-2:45 pm. and from 6-7:00 pm Frank Weber, a Forensic Psychologist will be presenting at the library. Both events are Legacy Events.

Community: Mayor Dixon reported on the TCCCA trip to the capital. On May 18th the TCCCA will be holding an expo at CLC in Staples. On Saturday May 20th the Senior Center will be holding a garage sale from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Graduation is scheduled for May 26th at 7:00 pm at the High School. Mayor Dixon provided an update on a TNR (Trap, Neuter, Restore) program that was taking place in town.

Kent Louwagie from Bolton and Menk provide the council with an update on the road project. They are finishing up the concrete work on 3rd Ave SW and starting to add black dirt for grass seeding and tree planting. For Riverside Drive, they will be working on the North half of Riverside Drive from Fairview Ave NW. Commerce Road has been removed and will be prepped by the end of the month for paving after Memorial Day.

(New Business)

Mayor Dixon motioned Kreuger seconded to approve Gambling Premises Permit Application for the Long Prairie Hockey Association to be held at The Red Lounge, 239 Central Ave. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Wright motioned Kreemer seconded to approve the Temporary Liquor License Permit for the Long Prairie Lions to be held on June 10th for Prairie Days. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Gray presented to the City Council a request from Valley View Estates for a loan of \$50,000 from the City’s revolving loan fund.

Council member Wright motioned Dixon seconded to approve the loan request for Valley View Estates in the amount of \$50,000, at a rate of 8.5% for 7 years, with all closing costs. With the requirements that the borrowers will need to provide documentation of insurance for the properties used as collateral and annual financial statements. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Kreemer motioned Gripne seconded to approve the Braun Intertec Invoice in the amount of \$3,014.25 for material testing. Motion carried unanimously.

Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst presented to the council requests to purchase hanging flower baskets for Central Ave, with the brackets being built and donated by Harley Van Ruler. A request to move forward with the design and purchase of new banners for Central Ave and Highway 71. And a request for a donation of \$1,000 from the Liquor Store to support Prairie Days.

Mayor Dixon motioned Gripne seconded to approve the purchase of 20 hanging flower baskets for a total amount \$880.00 for Central Ave. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dixon motioned Krueger seconded to approve the purchase of banners in the amount of \$5,491.00, with the purchasing being finalized once the design is reviewed by the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dixon motioned Wright seconded to approve the donation of \$1,000 from the Liquor Store to Prairie Day's. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrartor Gray and City Engineer Kent Louwagie presented to the council an update on the City Main Lift Station project. Administrartor Gray shared an image of the new location of the lift station and discussed the possibility of the demolition of the old wastewater treatment plant building. The council discussed the costs of the demolition and requested a final estimate be presented. There was also discussion on additional storage and fence be added around this property.

Council member Kreemer motioned Gripne seconded to approve the allowance of the Long Prairie Farmer's Market to use the Water Tower Parking lot on Fridays from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, starting June 9th. Motion carried unanimously.

Charles Olson and Taela Olson discussed with the council a dangerous dog incident involving their dogs. Administrartor Gray explained the process that needed to be taken by the city regarding this incident and that they would receive a notice regarding the findings of the incident.

There being no further business, motioned by Gripne seconded by Kreemer to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Ted Gray, City Administrator

Jodi Dixon, Mayor