

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday July 10th, 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 July 10th, 2023. Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, David Wright, Jim Kreemer, Clint Krueger, Lilah Gripne and City Administrator Ted Gray. Others present Police Chief Ryan Hanson, Kent Louwagie, Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, Daiv Freeman, Amanda Hinson, and Bob Klick.

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for July 10th, 2023.**
- (b) Approve Council Meeting Minutes from June 20th, 2023.**
- (c) Approve Work Session Minutes from June 14th, 2023.**
- (d) Approve Work Session Minutes from June 29th, 2023.**
- (e) Approve Donation Resolution 23-07-10-15.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #23-07-10-15
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
VFW	\$200.00	NNO
American Legion	\$500.00	NNO
American Legion	\$300.00	Crossing Guard Equipment

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 June.

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 10th day of July 2023, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Theodore Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Clint Krueger presented the council with the Public Works report. Public works has been busy removing playground equipment, backfilling around the new playground equipment, painting, and flushing hydrants. In the next few weeks, we will be patching streets, flushing/repairing hydrants, and painting.

EDA: Council member Wright reported on the upcoming EDA meeting. The EDA will hear updates on the Childcare Committee. The second road of Main Street Revitalization grants have been awarded, 17 projects received funding.

Public Safety: Council member Wright reported on the Police and Fire Departments. The police department responded to 259 calls over the last 21 days. The Police Officers Union met with the city to discuss officer recruitment, retention, and benefits. The Fire Department has two trucks currently out of service, unit 145 and 146. One of these trucks is being looked to be replaced through a DNR program. EAM will be on site to complete truck repairs and pump testing. August 10th will be the annual drive through Chicken and Corn feed. The department requested an update on the entrance between Coborn's and City Hall.

Planning and Zoning: Council member Kreemer reported on the upcoming Planning and Zoning meetings on July 17th and July 18th.

Library: Council member Gripne reported on the upcoming library events. The library will be hosting the Dolly Pops on July 17th from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. July 18th the library will be having the Todd County Dairy Princess serve ice cream from 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm.

Community: Mayor Dixon reported on the Lions Night Out event scheduled for July 12th. MS Tram will be in town on July 27th, they are still looking for volunteers to assist the bikers.

Administration: Administrator Gray reported on the final stages of the audit and briefly discussed the union meeting that was held between the Police Department and the City.

Kent Louwagie from Bolton and Menk provided the council with a road project update. The contractor has currently stopped watering the grass due to the current weather. They will be reseeded this fall. The North half of Riverside Drive is almost complete with underground utilities. The contractor will be back on site to complete the rest of these utilities and head South around Riverside Drive.

(Old Business)

Mayor Dixon motioned Gripne seconded to approve the Temporary Liquor License requested by the Long Prairie Lions for the MS Tram Event on July 27th. Motion carried unanimously.

(New Business)

Council member Wright motioned Gripne seconded to approve Contracts Pay Application #11 in the amount of \$734,919.69 to C&L Excavating. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dixon motioned Wright seconded to approve the Braun Interact Invoice in the amount of \$6,829.50 for material testing. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Wright motioned Gripne seconded to approve the Initiative Foundation Donation Request in the amount of \$1,750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Gripne motioned Kreemer seconded to approve the Temporary Liquor License requested by St. Mary's Church for September 10th. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Gray presented to the council updated ordinance language regarding the mowing and maintaining of yards. Discussion was had on Native Landscapes and where they could be placed. More information will be provided regarding these landscapes in the final ordinance.

Administrartor Gray reviewed the upcoming meeting calendar.

There being no further business, motioned by Gripne seconded by Kreemer to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Ted Gray, City Administrator

Jodi Dixon, Mayor