

LONG GROVE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021

Greetings to all residents of Long Grove. The month of March flew by quickly as we find ourselves in April with some rather decent temperatures on the horizon.

The March Council meeting was held virtually via video conferencing using Zoom. The April Council meeting is slated to be held at City Hall with a virtual attendance option via Zoom. Please visit the City website for more information as the April 13 Council meeting date approaches.

There will be a public forum regarding the city's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on April 20 at 6:00PM. Anyone wishing to attend may do so by joining Council at City Hall or via the Zoom link that will be posted on the City website at www.longgroveia.org Please review more information on this topic at the end of this newsletter.

It is with great sadness that long-time and beloved resident, Bob Williams, has recently passed away. Bob became a bit of a local celebrity when he was recognized by the Hershey Company for his generosity in handing out king sized Hershey chocolate bars to just about everyone he met, and they highlighted him in their "Heartwarming the World" campaign. A two-minute video can be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QL-RRz0G5Mc> The City of Long Grove also honored Bob with a Proclamation on October 9, 2018. Bob will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Groundbreaking for the new YMCA in Eldridge took place on Tuesday, March 30. The new facility will serve the North Scott community and is scheduled to be open in Spring 2022. It was an honor to participate in the ceremony with fellow elected officials, and many others involved in the project.

There will be an Easter egg hunt this Saturday at Alan Shepard School at 10:00AM. The weather looks pleasant for this event and it is sure to be an exciting time for the young children.

Public Works Director, Tony Saladino, has announced that hydrant flushing will take place from mid to late April as he and Tanner work together on this task.

I wish everyone my warmest regards for a safe, healthy, and happy Easter.

Sincerely,
Michael Limberg
Mayor

2020 Consumer Confidence Water Report (CCR)

The 2020 Water Quality Report for the Long Grove Municipal Water Supply, Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), is now available for public viewing. Please visit the URL (<http://iowaccr.org/Long-Grove-Municipal-Utilities>) to view the report. The report is also available at www.longgroveia.org, under "documents" "utility information." You may also call 563-285-4904 or email clerk@longgroveia.org to obtain a copy of the report, or to obtain more information.

Public Forum: Capital Improvement Plan *The Long Grove City Council wants your input.*

The Long Grove City Council plans to hold a public forum to gather residents' input on the city's Capital Improvement Plan before it is finalized.

All residents are encouraged to attend either in-person or virtually. The meeting will be held starting at 6 p.m., April 20 in the lower-level conference room at City Hall, 119 S. 1st St. Residents also have the option of participating through Zoom video conferencing service. You may access the log-in link by going to the city's website, www.longgroveia.org on April 20th, just prior to the start of the meeting.

As the community moves into the future, the City Council is committed to providing residents with the services and infrastructure that they need so Long Grove continues to prosper and offer the best quality of life possible. This is the goal of the capital improvement projects included in the plan. The plan includes:

- Major street improvements: Grove Street (1st St. – Creek); 1st Street (E. Grove St. – W. Grove Street); Grove Street (School to 1st Street); Main Street (Cadda – Railroad Alley); 2nd Street (Grove Street – Main Street); S. 3rd Street; 2nd Street, and W. Oak Street.

- Maintenance improvements: Seal-coating roadways, and PCC patching.
- Water improvements: Water Treatment Plant and water mains
- Wastewater improvements – Lighting and point repair, sanitary sewer force mains, and sanitary lagoon modification
- Electric improvements – Electric wires underground and lighting
- Connectivity – Trails and sidewalks

These improvements would occur in different phases over several fiscal years and be funded through City reserves, bonds, grants, and loans. The water improvements would require a rate increase, spread out over three years. Long Grove has not had a water rate increase since July 2013.

The City Council will review and finalize a draft Capital Improvement Plan during a committee of the whole session, April 8. The public is also invited to attend that committee meeting to learn more; however, the time and place to provide public comment will be April 20 at the public forum. After the April 13 formal City Council meeting, the City will publish the draft plan on its website (www.longgroveia.org) for anyone who would like to review the plan prior to the public forum. The public forum is to go over the draft and consider any public comments. The Capital Improvement Plan would only be finalized after the public forum. The earliest date for a formal vote would be the May 11 City Council meeting.

If you have any questions, you can contact City Hall at 563-285-4904 or by email at clerk@longgroveia.org.

CITY OF LONG GROVE COUNCIL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES March 9th 2021

The City of Long Grove, Iowa met in open session electronically via Zoom due to COVID-19. Mayor Limberg called the Long Grove City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call: Present –Nancy Herrin, Mark Abdon, Cindy Blinkinsop, Kevin Green, & Michael Boddicker; Absent-none. The agenda was approved on a motion by Abdon, seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried. Blinkinsop moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Herrin, all ayes, motion carried. The mayor welcomed guests. The mayor opened the meeting to the Public Hearing for the Adoption of the FY22 Budget & Public Hearing for the Adoption of the FY21 Budget Amendment. With no written or oral comments, Herrin motioned to adjourn the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried. Abdon moved to read Resolution 2021-09 Institutions of investment. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried. Resolution 2021-09 was approved on a roll call vote of all Ayes- Abdon, Blinkinsop, Boddicker, Herrin, & Green. Herrin moved to read Resolution 2021-10 Wage Scale. The motion was seconded by Green, all ayes, motion carried. Resolution 2021-10 was approved on a roll call vote of Ayes- Abdon, Blinkinsop, Herrin, & Green; Abstain-Boddicker. Herrin moved to read Resolution 2021-11 Adoption of the FY22 Budget & Certification of City Taxes. The motion was seconded by Abdon, all ayes, motion carried. Resolution 2021-11 was approved on a roll call vote of all Ayes- Abdon, Blinkinsop, Boddicker, Herrin, & Green. Herrin moved to read Resolution 2021-12 Adoption of the FY21 Budget Amendment-01. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop and Resolution 2021-12 was approved on a roll call vote of all Ayes- Abdon, Blinkinsop, Boddicker, Herrin, & Green. Herrin moved to approve sections two and three of the proposed contract from Latham, Ervin, Vognsen & Associates, Inc. to provide consultation on issues related to solar interconnection for the Long Grove Municipal Electric Utility. The motion was seconded by Boddicker, all ayes, motion carried. Blinkinsop moved to approve the hire Tony Rupe for the part-time Waste Water Operator Level 2 position at \$35.00 per hour, minimum of 19 hours per month, with a start date of April 17th. The motion was seconded by Abdon, all ayes, motion carried. Herrin moved to approve the FY20 Financial Exam Results submitted by Tom Englemann. The motion was seconded by Green, all ayes, motion carried. Herrin moved to approve the proposed bid from West Excavating to assist with soil erosion and water damage mitigation on the city owned property surrounding the Long Grove Civic Center. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried. Blinkinsop moved to approve the annual renewal of EMC Insurance with an estimated premium increase of approximately 7 ½%. The motion was seconded by Green, all ayes, motion carried. Boddicker moved to discontinue alleyway pick up for garbage services along the alley between Pine and Grove St, effective March 11th. The motion was seconded by Green, all ayes, motion carried. Abdon moved to approve the proposed contract from Municipal Management Corp. to perform water line leak detection. The motion was seconded by Herrin, all ayes, motion carried.

Following updates from the clerk, public works director, mayor, and council, the Mayor opened the meeting to public comments. After hearing public comments, Blinkinsop moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Abdon, all ayes, motion carried.