

## LONG GROVE NEWSLETTER MARCH 2021

Greetings to all residents of Long Grove. Welcome to March and the beginning of warmer weather. Hopefully, it will be in like a lamb and out like a lamb. It is nice to see more days of sunshine and the snow slowly melting away.

The February Council meeting was held virtually via video conferencing using Zoom. The March Council meeting is slated to be held in the same manner. Please visit the City website for more information as the March 9 Council meeting date approaches.

As a reminder, there will be a public hearing regarding adoption of the city budget and current year budget amendment at the March Council meeting. Anyone wishing to attend may do so by joining via the Zoom link that will be posted on the City website at [www.longgroveia.org](http://www.longgroveia.org)

Tentatively, the City is planning on resuming Council meetings at City Hall beginning in April. This will be dependent on conditions regarding COVID and health concerns of participants, especially those who still need to exercise extra caution. It may be possible to hold a hybrid meeting of in-person and online to accommodate everyone wishing to attend. Please watch the April newsletter for additional information.

The City received notification from RPI of potential fallout from the Texas winter storm that may result in increased electricity rates for Long Grove, along with all RPI customers. We do not have all of the specifics at this time, but the matter is worth mentioning in this newsletter to prepare residents for the possibility of "sticker shock" regarding their electric bill. City Clerk, Rosina Guyer, has provided the following summary of the RPI notice;

*"Long Grove electrical utility customers may notice increase in the electrical energy adjustment rate (PEA) on this month's utility bill. This is due to the direct impact of the winter storm and the issues associated with the Texas power grid. This impact is unfortunately unavoidable and will be felt by all members who purchase energy in the RPI "resale power group" and among many other utility providers across the Midwest."*

March 1<sup>st</sup> marks the opening of the recreation trail. The trail was recently plowed and the warm temperatures over the next several days should melt the last of the snow and ice from the pavement. Please be patient and exercise caution until the trail completely clears off.

I wish everyone my warmest regards for a safe, healthy, and happy March. Remember to set your clocks back for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 14, at 2:00AM.

Sincerely,

Michael Limberg  
Mayor

### LONG GROVE CIVIC LEAGUE -COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Every year for the past 58 years, the Long Grove Civic League has issued a Community Birthday Calendar. The calendar is an opportunity for people to list birthdays and anniversaries for their family. New this year is an opportunity to include a memorial. The calendar is also a place to advertise local businesses.

The calendar runs from July through June, and features a picture related to Long Grove. Last year's calendar picture was of the balloon arch at the 2019 Strawberry Stampede.

We are looking for picture possibilities for the upcoming calendar. We have found a panoramic style or landscape format photo works best. **If you have a picture you would like considered for the calendar, please email it to the address at the bottom of this notice.**

Calendars cost \$6 each, and will be available for pickup at the Strawberry Festival. In the event the festival is not held this year, we will make other arrangements for you to get your calendar. (CONTINUED ON BACK OF PAGE)

**If you would like to include your family's birthday/anniversary listings or a memorial, please provide your name, address, and phone number, as well as listing information.** Send this information to the contact listed below. Five free listings are included with the price of a calendar. Additional listings are 25 cents each.

*Example: John Smith – June 1, Mary Smith – Sept 28, John & Mary Smith – Aug 1 (anniversary), Elliott Smith – Nov 10 (in memory of)*

Producing the calendar is dependent on advertisements from local businesses. The cost of a new ad with a logo is \$45, ad without logo is \$30. If you are interested in advertising your business on the calendar, see below.

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### **CITY OF LONG GROVE COUNCIL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> 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, & Michael Boddicker; Absent-Green. The agenda was approved on a motion by Blinkinsop, seconded by Herrin, all ayes, motion carried. Herrin moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried. The mayor welcomed guests.

The mayor opened the meeting to the Public Hearing for the Maximum Property Tax Dollars from Certain Levies FY22 Budget. With no written or oral comments, Herrin motioned to adjourn the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Abdon, all ayes, motion carried.

Herrin moved to read Resolution 2021-04 Approving Maximum Property Tax Dollars from Certain Levies for the FY22 Budget. The motion was seconded by Abdon, all ayes, motion carried. Resolution 2021-04 was approved on a roll call vote: Ayes- Abdon, Blinkinsop, Boddicker, & Herrin; Absent-Green.

Herrin moved to read Resolution 2021-05 Proposed FY22 Budget Setting Time & Date of Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Abdon, all ayes, motion carried. Resolution 2021-05 was approved on a roll call vote: Ayes- Abdon, Blinkinsop, Boddicker, & Herrin; Absent-Green.

Abdon moved to read Resolution 2021-06 Proposed FY21 Budget Amendment-01 Setting Time & Date of Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried. Resolution 2021-06 was approved on a roll call vote: Ayes- Abdon, Blinkinsop, Boddicker, & Herrin; Absent-Green.

Herrin moved to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 02-2020 Open and Recreation Fire Amendment. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop and Ordinance 02-2020 was approved on a roll call vote: Ayes- Abdon, Blinkinsop, Boddicker, & Herrin; Absent-Green.

Representatives Louie Ervin & Dave Vognsen from Latham, Ervin, Vognsen & Associates, Inc. presented the council with a proposed contract to provide consultation on issues related to solar interconnection for the Long Grove Municipal Electric Utility. The council tabled action pending further discussion.

Abdon moved to read Resolution 2021-07 Continuation of Health Insurance & Benefits. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried. Resolution 2021-07 was approved on a roll call vote: Ayes- Abdon, Blinkinsop, Boddicker, & Herrin; Absent-Green.

Herrin moved to read Resolution 2021-08 Annual Professional Development & Safety Training. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried. Resolution 2021-08 was approved on a roll call vote: Ayes- Abdon, Blinkinsop, Boddicker, & Herrin; Absent-Green.

Resolution 2021-09 Institutions of Investment & Resolution 2021-10 FY22 Wage Scale were tabled pending further committee of the whole discussion.

The council received a presentation from Northland Securities representative, Heidi Kuehl, on municipal financial services related to capital improvement planning. The council tabled action pending further discussion.

Boddicker moved to approve the Long Grove Civic Center's utility reimbursement request of \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried.

The Mayor opened the meeting to public comments. After hearing public comments, Blinkinsop moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Herrin, all ayes, motion carried.