

# **\*\* PUBLIC HEARING \*\***

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013  
6:00 PM AT CITY HALL**

**TO CONSIDER A “CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT” APPLICATION FROM  
GUARDIAN INN MOTEL ASKING FOR 6 LONG-TERM STAY UNITS**

## **MINUTES**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, B. Emmers, G. Meidlinger, C. Harmeyer, D. Woelfel

Absent: None

Staff: Administrator Collins, Attorney Moran, P & Z Director Corey Block

Others Signed Present: Tom Serie, Karl Pelovsky, Gladys Pelovsky, Nancy Peterson, Gary Meidlinger Sr., Pauline Phillips, Ann Claffey, Jody Baker, Sharon Traxler, Josh Overmohle, Bob Pfarr, Brad Collins, Mike Nelson

### **II. GUARDIAN INN MOTEL PRESENTATION**

Tom Serie, Guardian Inn owner/manager, gave his presentation about why the city should grant this CUP to him: requesting only 6 long-term units vs. 10 previously/ would only house Le Sueur County residents in those rooms/ every resident staying has a zero tolerance policy to stay/ would report every six months to city on the residents/ would help keep the motel a viable business.

### **III. COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND CONSIDERATION**

Attorney Moran and Council asked Mr. Serie about: payments due to the city/ interest rates on loans/ potential customers calling and being told motel was not booking for summer/ county residents only provision/ promotion practices/ future plans of the motel, etc.

### **IV. CONCERNED CITIZENS TESTIMONY**

Jody Baker- she stated long-term stays are already being held there/ alcohol is being consumed on the grounds/ she is the closest to G.I. and the most vulnerable/ she knows for a fact they are not accepting reservations right now/ she has witnessed several court cases go thru the County involving long-term stay residents.

Sharon Traxler- she is very concerned about the long-term stays currently going on and the problems they have created.

Karl Pelovsky (Assisted Living)- they seem to already be breaking the law out there by hosting long-term customers; how could the City grant them a Conditional Use Permit??

Ann Claffey- concerned how will they differentiate between those allowed to use alcohol there, and those who are not?/ where will these people eat?/ knows family who had tried to get rooms there recently with no success.

Nancy Peterson (Assisted Living)- won't new Dollar General Store bring in a lot of business? Is this needed?

Tom Serie- gave his rebuttal to some of the points and questions brought up by the concerned citizens.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion; Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to close the Public Hearing. 6:55 PM