

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, C. Harmeyer, C. Scott, J. Weiers, N. Hintz

Absent: None

Staff: C. Collins, C. Roemhildt, B. Pfarr, B. Collins, Atty Moran, J. Hawbaker

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from April 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to Agenda: No P & Z report/ C. Block absent

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins gave an update on the EDA Covid-19 Business Relief Loan Program: thus far 13 applications given out/ 6 paid out/ 2 returned on hold for more information. Still trying to get the word out, but many businesses are still closed. Collins explained the Maud Borup situation/ pricing on the acreage they want out of the 10 acres abutting their property. He stated there was an EDA meeting on May 13 for the board to look at the pricing and make counter-offer to Maud.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block absent; no report.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the April report: Sales were \$82,130: down \$8,000 from March, but up \$10,000 from Apr. 2019. YTD Rev. up by \$27,953 & YTD Exp. up by \$49,000. April GP margin = 28.65%. Food GP = 26.66%. April= Off-Sale is still really busy/ cleaning, prepping for the inside remodel job.

1) Liquor Committee already approved the remodeling costs.

- 2) Hazard pay for liquor employees: B. Collins briefly explained the process/ request. Atty Moran, Councilmembers Fredrickson, Scott, & Hintz all spoke. This item was not requested to be on the agenda by the liquor store manager, therefore council generally agreed it was best to table this item.

D) Police Department

Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of April: 73 calls @ 3,340 miles patrolled/ total calls down 36%, total miles up 18% for the year. No update on the new squad car from Ford/ public nuisances getting taken care of/ Pfarr and office asst. Tara N. have completed their “Nibbers” training with the county. Golf carts: list of 12 driving around with expired licenses that need to renew; staff will send out letters.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Parks- LC Lions completed their new roof on North Park pavilion/ started mosquito spraying in the four parks/ pumped the pool water out; ready for repair & new paint job.
 - Refuse- Wed. night recycling still really busy/ garbage has increased because people are home & cleaning during Covid-19 virus situation.
 - Streets- asked by Councilwoman Weiers: can we put a crosswalk at corner of Hwy 99 and So. Cordova Ave. to cross into the fairgrounds? Yes, staff will.
- 1) Engineer Hawbaker presented sealcoat bids: (2) bids with Pearson Bros. of Hanover the low bidder at \$26,820. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to award sealcoat project to Pearson Bros. Approved unanimously.
 - 2) Engineer Hawbaker presented mill & overlay bids: (5) bids with M & W Blacktopping of Waterville the low bidder at \$68,295.52. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Hintz, to award mill & overlay project to M & W Blacktopping. Approved unanimously.

F) Pool – Dorothy D.

Ms. Dinwiddie gave an outline as to what other pools have done so far/ what it will mean if we scrap swim lessons/ what it will mean if we open; the problems & issues we may face. Council generally agreed: For Now, we are planning to open, even without lessons if necessary. It will be ready to open on June 1, whether we can or not. We will be in “wait and see” mode for now.

G) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker reported on 2020 Street Project:

- 1) Hawbaker reported that Holtmeier Const. stated it would be late July to August before they would start this project, having started other projects first.

- a) On the phone= Todd Hagen from Ehlers explained the Sale Day Report and the new S & P bond rating along with it. (report handed out at meeting) There were five good bids received: Piper Sandler & Co. of Minneapolis was the low bidder at 1.8824%, an outstanding low bid. This low bid saves us \$190,000 off the project; the new bond total is now only \$4,260,000.
- b) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to adopt **Resolution No. 2020I**, thereby Awarding the Sale of Bonds for \$4,260,000 G.O. Improvement Bonds for 2020 Street Project. Approved unanimously.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no petitions, requests, or communications from the general public.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Attorney Moran presented **Resolution No. 2020H**, providing to extend the City's Emergency Disaster Declaration until September 1, 2020, or unless terminated earlier. Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, to approve resolution. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to set a public hearing to amend the current Food Truck Ordinance for Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 pm. Hearing will be to consider exempting temporary events under 7 days. Approved unanimously.
- C) Discussion on holding junk throw-away: Issues during the Covid-19 pandemic/ get better quotes from garbage haulers/ consider dumpsters vs. trucks vs. hauling it out to the curb for pick up. Council generally agreed: table it to the Sept. council meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to approve the 2020 liquor license list as written. Approved unanimously.
- B) Request by AT&T to amend current lease agreement for water-tower cell antenna service: AT&T asking to reduce the monthly rent for future guaranteed service. Attorney Moran advised the council to take no action at this time.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) City newsletter discussion (timing, content): council generally agreed to table to the June council meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:29 PM.