

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Wetzel, Emmett Krenik, Josh Fredrickson, Jason Squires
Absent: Dorothy Dinwiddie

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Krenik, Second by Squires, minutes from January 13, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council change to proposed Agenda: ADD: AMIN. D) EMS Building sale

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Fredrickson, Second by Squires, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

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

A) E.D.A. Report- Don Hayden

- 1) TIF district for the Central Health Care update: EDA passed (2-1) the project on to the Council to call for a public hearing to consider TIF.
- 2) Motel update- March 1, 2009 opening. See flyer announcement.
- 3) Fiberglass Fabricators- Attorney Moran recommended Council “sue” them for breach of contract for non-payment of the loan. The loan is un-secured. Motion by Wetzel, Second by Squires, for Attorney Moran to file the necessary papers. Approved by 3-1 vote, Krenik voting no.

B) P & Z Report- Corey Block

- 1) Jared Borchardt, 198 North Cordova Avenue, Conditional Use Permit request to move garage onto said property from Central Health Care. P & Z had recommended approval with conditions. Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, to approve the C.U.P. provided all conditions be met/ by June 15- must have garage set down on cement slab/ provide \$5,000 letter of credit to city. Approved unanimously.
- 2) Motion by Fredrickson, Second by Krenik, to adopt Resolution No. 2009B, thereby amending Res. No. 2008I and approving the new Building Permit Fee Schedule. Approved unanimously.

- 3) Motion by Krenik, Second by Squires, to adopt Resolution No. 2009C, thereby approving the new Planning & Development Fee Schedule. Approved unanimously.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Manager Mike Nelson gave the January report: Sales were \$68,397.35; down \$10,800 from December. Nelson reported: Jan. entertainment was successful/ dart tourney coming up/ Feb. 13 wine tasting at the Legion was planned.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of January: 111 calls/ 2,756 miles patrolled/ Pfarr presented department objectives list for 2009/ exploring new avenues for grant moneys for equipment.

- 1) Motorized golf cart ordinance: Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-2, thereby approving the Motorized Golf Cart Ordinance. Approved unanimously. Ordinance takes effect after publication.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report: Regional water meeting held in Le Center was well attended/ city metered 63 million gallons of water in 2008/ cost of \$4,000 to clean the water tower of mildew stains.

- 1) Motel E.D.U.'s- hold off discussion until further information.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering- Joel Hawbaker

- 1) 2006 Street & Utility Project: waiting til spring to shoot the crowns on Sharon & Minnesota streets due to the freeze/thaw conditions.
- 2) 2009 Street Project (proposed): on hold for now; Hawbaker discuss with county engineer on where they stand on this project.
- 3) 2010 Minnesota Street Project: soil boring reports are done/ waiting for the next property owner/ citizen committee meeting to finalize some decisions.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Krenik, Second by Fredrickson, to approve the 2nd Reading of the Electric Franchise Ordinance No. 2009-1 (with Alliant Energy). Approved unanimously. Ordinance takes effect after publication.

- B) Rental inspection at Center Mall: Inspector Block seeking Council direction/ Feb. 1 deadline was already extended to Feb. 11/ some improvements had been made/ owner reserves the right to hold the L & S Engineering structural report from the city at this time/ City may be liable if something happened and city had reason to believe that it was a possibility. Attorney Moran suggested City allow until March council meeting to clean up the property. Council agreed to extension until March 11 for owner to clean up property and get some cost estimates to fix up building structure itself.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Clayton Simonette family request for easement across West Park city property to access their landlocked 54 acre parcel just outside city limits. Road would exit off township road across city property. Danny Simonette said township was in favor of the road location. Council agreed: set public hearing for Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm to consider the granting of an easement. Staff notify adjacent property owners.
- B) Council set hiring committee of Mayor Wetzel, Councilman Squires, staff: Collins, Kopet, & Pfarr, and Laura Elvebak of M.V.C.O.G. to recommend the new Office Assistant hire to the full council.
- C) Council agreed: As long as the consent form is signed and Eckles pays for legalities, city will waive the "Right to First Refusal" on the transfer of the ShetkaWorks building.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Council set Workshop date: Friday, March 6, at 1:00 pm. All dept. heads be present.
- B) Mayor appointed he and Councilman Krenik to review the budget for possible cuts due to the impending reduction in LGA revenue from the state.
- C) Note Planning Commission training upcoming for council and P & Z members.
- D) Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, to sell the Emergency Services Building to the Le Center Area Fire Commission for \$1.00 as per lease agreement. Building is paid off. Approved unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Krenik, Second by Squires, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.