

**CITY OF LE CENTER**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009 - 7:00 PM**

**\*\* MINUTES \*\***

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Mayor Wetzel, Emmett Krenik, Dorothy Dinwiddie, Josh Fredrickson, Jason Squires  
Absent: None

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Motion by Krenik, Second by Dinwiddie, notes from March 6, 2009 Workshop Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Dinwiddie, Second by Squires, minutes from March 10, 2009 Public Hearing be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Krenik, Second by Fredrickson, minutes from March 10, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- D) Council change to proposed Agenda: MOVE UP: VII. NEW BUSINESS
  - A) LMC Insurance Review- Darian Hunt
  - CANCEL: VI. F) Bolton & Menk 1a) Hwy 99 Ditch/ Helen Berger property.

**III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

**\*\* MOVE UP NEW BUSINESS A) LMC Insurance Review/ Darian Hunt**

Mr. Hunt gave an overview of the current city insurance thru the League of Minn. Cities. See handout. Motion by Krenik, Second by Dinwiddie: Yes- waive the statutory limit on municipal liability. Approved unanimously. No- to Tenant User Liability Ins. Yes- to city board members (P&Z, EDA) covered by Workers Comp. No- to city sewer back-up liability coverage.

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

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

- 1) C.H.C./ Karl Pelovsky: TIF District public hearing on Tue. May 12 @ 6:30 pm.
- 2) Fiberglass Fabricators- Attorney Moran reported that Director Hayden may have reached an agreement with Fiberglass Fabricators which would allow Fiberglass to pay monthly rent of \$333.00 and not put them out of business into Chapter 11. Attorney Moran hoping to have a signed agreement that week.

## B) P &amp; Z Report- Corey Block

Building Official Block gave an ISO Rating explanation. He reported the city building department and building official were recently given a '3' rating on scale of 10 (very good). This could result in lower insurance premiums for home owners for some insurance companies. Brief update on motel sign dispute.

## C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Manager Mike Nelson gave the March report: Sales were \$68,840.43; up \$7,200 from February. Nelson reported: 2009 revenues are up over 2008 at this point & expenses are down. Wine seminar at city hall was very successful/ planning wine club trip to winery this summer.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of March: 108 calls/ 2,547 miles patrolled. Pfarr reported on grants applied for/ April 20<sup>th</sup> is Tornado Awareness Week/ April 23<sup>rd</sup> test sky-warn system/ brief review of sky-warn procedures and warnings- NO all-clear siren/ get a price to have a siren installed at West Park. Cost of boarding animals at Jensen's going from \$50 to \$250 per month; staff seek other options/ school will use sheriff's posse for chaperone security. Motion by Fredrickson, Second by Squires, to approve motorized golf cart permit and fee amount of \$10 per year/ \$30 for three year permit. Approved unanimously.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:  
 Parks- now opening/ skate rink cost \$1618.00 for winter/ school field lease agreement needs some language concerning grounds cleanup.  
 Pool- new rails being installed/ some painting on steps to be done.  
 Refuse- report on co-mingle recyclables- amounts taken in.  
 Leaf pickup on April 27 & May 4/ flush hydrants April 20 week/ water-main break on East Ottawa Street near Winco. Suggested sealcoat schedule for 2009: city shop, Horizon Addition, wastewater treatment plant. Yes- get bids for sealcoating. Water tower rusted platform area: Motion by Dinwiddie, Second by Fredrickson, to accept Fredrickson Paint Shop bid of \$1600 to sandblast & paint. Approved unanimously.

- 1) Noted chemicals list in MPCA letter.
- 2) Noted Consumer Confidence Report by city to MDH
- 3) See WWTP permit requirements for MPCA permit.

## F) Bolton &amp; Menk Engineering- Joel Hawbaker

- 1) 2006 Street & Utility Project: see survey sheet showing Sharon Street crown is out of compliance in most areas/ waiting for response from BCM Construction. Engineer contact BCM for load of black dirt piled for residents to use for holes.
- 2) 2009 Street Project (proposed): Park Avenue- County seems to be offering to over-lay only to get by 6-7 years and they would not have to bond for it/ brief discussion on the USRDA grant application timeline.

- 3) 2010 Minnesota Street Project: brief discussion. Will talk streets, trees, streetlights, etc. at workshop meeting.

## V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Rental inspection at Center Mall: Inspector Block reported that this project was progressing, but at a slow pace. Owner was even adding some fix-ups himself to the list; and doing a nice job. Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, to allow additional 30 days (May 15) to finish the work. Approved unanimously.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) See previous discussion above.
- B) Swimming pool fees: Council generally agreed- Yes keep fees the same as 2008.
- C) Purchase used garbage truck: In an emergency; staff was forced to purchase a used 1994 Ford garbage truck from Erickson Trucks & Parts of Jackson MN to replace the 1983 garbage truck which finally died. Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, to approve staff's purchase of used 1994 Ford garbage truck. Approved unanimously. Per the council: Only sandblast bottom & weld up/ Do Not have painted except under-carriage where welded up/ Install the free transmission and springs locally.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, to approve Resolution No. 2009G for \$134,000 (PFA Loans) and Resolution No. 2009I for \$25,447 (garbage truck); thereby approving the issuance of temporary warrants at the bank. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council set workshop date: Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00 pm at city hall to discuss the Park Avenue project and funding.
- C) Emergency Day- Firemen's request to have all-star wrestling and close Minnesota Street during event. Council generally agreed this was a communitywide event- Ok to host wrestling and shut down street as needed.
- D) Clerk Collins reported many properties on the street projects were being sold, but the city assessments were not being collected at the time of closing. Why? It seems that having language ordering the payment in the "Assessment Letter" is not sufficient enough- each assessment must be recorded to assure that the title search discovers the debt being due upon sale of property. Attorney & staff look into this further.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

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