



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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 Squires, minutes from April 14, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Dinwiddie, Second by Krenik, notes from May 1, 2009 Workshop Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Council change to proposed Agenda: ADD: IV. REPORTS B) P & Z
  - 1) Waive Mailed Notices

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

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

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

- A) E.D.A. Report- Don Hayden
  - 1) C.H.C./ Karl Pelovsky assisted living: Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, to adopt Resolution No. 2009H; thereby establishing the TIF District #16, adopting the related TIF Plan, and approving & entering into a "Development Agreement" with KGDR Properties Inc. Approved unanimously. Contingent upon new corporate name being established
  - 2) Fiberglass Fabricators- Attorney Moran reported they have not signed any new agreement yet/ seems to be going backwards/ will not agree to any \$ figure. Council agreed: did not wish to put them out of business, just want to come to an agreement whereby Fiberglass will at least be paying something/ anything.
  - 3) Menu Inspirations- Attorney Moran sent them a corrected promissory note for their assessments. General Manager has indicated they will sign the note and make first payment of \$20,000 by month end.
- B) P & Z Report- Corey Block

Building Official Block reported: next P & Z meeting Thursday, May 28 @ 6:00 pm for two public hearings: 1) Signs in B-2 District, and 2) Damage to Existing Buildings.

- 1) Mayor Wetzel did read the two “**Waive Mail Notice**” statements for public hearings (#1) Signs in B-2 District AND (#2) Damage to Existing Buildings.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Manager Mike Nelson gave the April report: Sales were \$74,767.84; up \$5,900 from March. Nelson reported: Sponsoring about 1½ softball teams this summer/ upcoming wine club trip to winery/ set August 8 for Back Alley Bash.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of April: 163 calls/ 2,761 miles patrolled. Pfarr reported: received a \$2,000 CenterPointe Energy grant for squad car computer/ no new info on the dog boarding.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- Water- noted MDH letter on water reporting/ noted ISO flow test results.
- Refuse- installed the new/used transmission that came with the garbage truck/ small oil leak in truck yet.
- Sewer- MPCA permit: now taking public comment.
  - 1) must eliminate one sanitary by-pass by November 2010.
  - 2) must eliminate chlorine from water before we pump it into creek.
- Pool- crew will purchase paint and do our own touch-ups/ work continuing.

Yes to dust control: Winco road/ West Park lot/ West Park road @ \$2,600.00.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering- Tim Loose

- 1) 2006 Street & Utility Project: Sharon Street crown is settling out of compliance in most areas/ BCM Const. and WW Blacktop disagree on whose at fault/ Attorney Moran will contact the bonding company/ BCM has not delivered a load of black dirt to residents yet/ city crew deliver load of black dirt to Cary & Diane Blank, 355 West Minnesota Street, for low spot near curb stop.

- 2) 2009 Street Project (proposed): Andy Kehren of Bolton & Menk gave a lengthy update on the city’s USRDA grant application: \$20.6M total project submitted (\$7.1M sanitary sewer, \$7.6M water, \$3.8M storm, \$2.0 other). Eligible for up to 45% grant of the \$20.6M project total (approx. \$9.6M grant). City has a lot of debt right now- capturing grant moneys would help keep the monthly EDU cost to the taxpayers down. Next step: Bolton & Menk would produce the Environmental Report and Engineering Report for a not-to-exceed cost of \$7,500.00 and three months time. Council agreed to this proposal.

- 3) 2010 Minnesota Street Project: brief discussion/ this is now part of the 2009

Street Project grant application. Bolton & Menk noted their memorandum of issues still needing attention/direction. "Downtown Committee" will meet to complete the unresolved plan issues.

## V. PUBLIC FORUM

Robert Selly (525 West Derrynane Street) was present to address the abatement/ zoning violation letter he received from the city. Specifically mentioned was 1) No outside storage allowed in I-2 Zone, 2) No equipment sales allowed in I-2 Zone, and 3) Equipment for sale may be parked in R.O.W. Letter from the city had requested to have the equipment for sale either removed from property or placed inside the building.

Mr. Selly stated that was his business now- purchasing equipment from thru-out the states, fixing it up, then reselling the equipment. He stated that he had been doing this since he owned the property years ago. A big question was: what was the property zoned before it was re-zoned by the city some 10 years previous? Staff did not have that answer readily available, but offered to search for that info. To keep the process moving: Motion by Fredrickson, Second by Squires, to table the issue until the June council meeting. Motion approved by 4-1 vote, Krenik voting no.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Rental inspection at Center Mall: Inspector Block reported that this project has slowed down considerably in the past month, but staff did allow Mr. Griffith to rent out an additional apartment that was cleaned up nicely. Therefore, Motion by Krenik, Second by Dinwiddie, to grant Mr. Griffith an additional 30 days to fix up the building. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Krenik, Second by Squires, to approve swim pool fees for 2009, the same as 2008, as listed. Approved unanimously.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Krenik, Second by Dinwiddie, to approve the 3.2% Beer licenses as listed and Club licenses for the American Legion & VFW Posts. Approved unanimously.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Krenik, Second by Dinwiddie, to approve for use the new "Special Event" permit form at no cost to applicant. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council agreed: Yes- free water in 2009 to residents on the 2006 Street Project to water sod.
- C) Councilwoman Dinwiddie reported on the new city website: [cityoflecenter.com](http://cityoflecenter.com) up and running by Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, for

Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.

Chris L. Collins, City Clerk, City of Le Center, MN