



## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JULY 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 Dinwiddie, Second by Krenik, minutes from June 9, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council changes to proposed Agenda: ADD: OLD BUSINESS A) City Web Site and SUBTRACT: OLD BUSINESS A) Le Sueur County Fair Assn. and MOVE UP: Auditor's Report to Reports H).

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

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Krenik, 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) Fiberglass Fabricators- Motion by Fredrickson, Second by Squires, for city attorney to send letter to invite owner of company to the next council meeting to state his case for not paying their loan. Approved unanimously.
- 2) Menu Inspirations- Clerk Collins reported promissory note for their assessment has been signed by Menu- first \$20,000 check had not been received yet.

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

Building Official Block reported: Assisted Living Project- dirt will be moving next week/ letters from attorney worked; remaining 4-5 property owners had called for their rental inspections that week. Only one property remained.

##### C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Manager Mike Nelson gave the June report: Sales were \$73,729.61; down \$3,300 from May. Nelson reported: bar sales are still status quo/ planning tour to local winery/ new collections on several old bad checks/ change check collection company when the contract is up.

#### D) Police Department

1) Mark Novak of CenterPoint Energy presented Chief Pfarr with a \$2,000 grant check towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> squad car computer.

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of June: 127 calls/ 3,185 miles patrolled. Pfarr reported: applied for POST training reimbursement of \$4,474/ applied for 2<sup>nd</sup> squad car computer/ 1<sup>st</sup> squad car needs four new tire rims.

Clerk Collins gave a report on what other options are available to board animals such as Kind Vet Clinic, Rice County Shelter, Waseca Shelter with the recent price hike by Jensen's Country Boarding. Council generally feels there are other options to explore.

#### E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- Streets- patched all winter water-main breaks/ ordered one streetlight pole.
- Water- Well #4 pump went out; trying to obtain warranty coverage thru Trout Well.
- WWTP- replace guide rail on main lift station = \$4,548.20/ still need the check valves on main lift station= \$14,492.00/ Menu Inspiration bill was down \$35,000/ must start sampling for mercury in August; must submit mercury minimization plan to state.
- Parks- North Park bathrooms are taking a beating from vandals/ look into police to start locking them at 10:00 pm at night?
- Refuse- need sign made up to say "No drinking glasses, mirrors, etc. allowed." Waste Mgmt is getting upset with city/ truck is back to Jackson to fix transmission and replace the belts & hoses. Most should be covered by the purchase warranty.

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

- 1) 2006 Street & Utility Project: BCM will have WW Blacktopping in town this week to fix Sharon Street.
- 2) 2009 Street Project & USRDA Grant update: Environmental Review will be mailed out this week.
- 3) 2010 Minnesota Street Project: update and see stakes along East Minnesota Street.
- 4) Bids for seal-coating: Pearson \$38,658.25 vs. Astech \$47,030.75. Motion by Fredrickson, Second by Squires, to accept bid Pearson bid for \$38,658.25 to perform the seal-coating at city shop, plant, and Horizon Addition. Approved unanimously.

#### G) Pool Report- Dorothy Dinwiddie

Dinwiddie reported: June receipts \$23,118.00- down slightly from 2008/ "Taxpayers should know: pool is not a sustainable enterprise for the city. It was never meant to make money. The Municipal Liquor Store puts \$50,000 towards the pool each year."

#### H) EideBailly audit report- Joel Stencil

Mr. Stencil reported the 2008 city fund balance should be \$482,000 by state standards but was only \$127,383/ city needs to cut back on expenses/ city needs to start issuing 1099's immediately/ still a material weakness with regards to segregation of duties; always will be in a small office- adding the new employee did not help in this regard.

## **V. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A) City web site- who is keeping the site updated? Nothing has changed since first put up three months ago. Staff send info (minutes & agendas) up to Penguinco Technologies for them to enter. Contract runs thru December. Monthly calendar info should be sent up and updated weekly.
- B) John Mangan property: Attorney Moran authorized to check on collecting the assessment.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A) 2008 Audit Report- see previous discussion above.
- B) Motion by Fredrickson, Second by Krenik, to approve the Le Center High School field lease for \$5,000 for 2009. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Squires, Second by Dinwiddie, to approve the Le Sueur County Highway Agreement for \$14,585.60 for 2009. Approved unanimously.

## **VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.**

- A) Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, to approve the one day 3.2% Beer License for "For the Love of Joshua/ Angie Neubauer" at West Park. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council wished to convey a big "THANK YOU" to the Men's Softball Association for paying for and re-shingling the West Park Pavilion/Eat Stand.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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