



**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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, notes from July 13, 2009 Workshop Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Dinwiddie, Second by Fredrickson, minutes from July 14, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Council changes to proposed Agenda: ADD: ADMIN. D) Possible Workshop meeting, E) Independent council power, F) 2008 Audit questions.

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Fredrickson, Second by Krenik, 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- Mr. Hagelberger was a no-show. See Fiberglass letter distributed by city clerk: why does it state that he signed an agreement, when our attorney says he has not?? No action taken. Confer with City Attorney Moran.
- 2) Menu Inspirations- Clerk Collins reported the first \$20,000 check for their assessment was received that week; first of five annual totaling \$100,000.

Hayden reported: ShetkaWorks has changed management & added a second mfg. line/
Cuttie-Petuttie kids clothing store has opened downtown/ Mean Gene Okerlund's
restaurant will open soon at Cenex C-Store/ pizza place downtown is still in the works.
Rainbow Woodworks has moved out; their building is owned by the Montgomery bank.
Staff: contact the bank to clean up & mow the outside of building.

B) P & Z Report- Corey Block

Building Official Block reported: Assisted Living Project construction has begun/ only one or two property owners have not responded to his rental inspection letters.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Manager Mike Nelson gave the July report: Sales were \$75,454.79; up \$1,700 from June. Nelson reported: back alley bash was a decent success; thanks to city work crew for their help. Who should be cleaning up the outside area of the Muni?? Nelson stated that workers don't have time when there's only one working at a time. Nelson, Block, & Collins get a plan to route the water off the building top.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of July: 157 calls/ 3,401 miles patrolled. Pfarr was granted permission- yes put up "No Parking" signs on Hwy 99 as requested by Fair Association.

- 1) Administrative Fines- Many rules & regulations/ see LMC memo and hearing officer fee sheet/ may be more geared towards the bigger cities. No action taken.
- 2) Motion by Dinwiddie, Second by Squires, yes have the new transmission put in squad car #1 at Roadrunner for \$2,430.03 as quoted. Approved unanimously.
- 3) Animal boarding @ Jensen's- Jeannie Jensen presented her argument for raised fees: she started up without a good estimation of costs by the city & county. She built a new building to handle our business. She was losing money and needed to raise fee levels. She was willing to find a compromise between \$50-\$250 monthly service fee. She'll figure new amount for January 1st budgeting purposes.
- 4) COPS Hiring Program- see the Round 1 denial letter from Federal gov't.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- Refuse- see refuse truck invoice. Some extra costs, but still a good truck.
- Parks- working on the parks: fields, bleachers, benches, etc. for fall.
- Streets- sealcoating done last week in Horizon Addition. Will pick up rock after it sits for several weeks to mix in.
- WWTP- some older items at the plant are failing or need work and should be included in the 2010 budget.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering- Joel Hawbaker

- 1) 2006 Street & Utility Project: West Sharon Street milling has been done, including a weak attempt to patch the crown at Sharon & Maple stop sign.
- 2) 2009 Street Project & USRDA Grant update: grant application will be ready for review & revisions by next council meeting; then ready to send in to USRDA.

- 3) 2010 Minnesota Street Project: working on the plan set for the county. Yes- widen E. Minnesota Street between Cordova Ave. & Montgomery Ave. and take down trees.

G) Pool Report- Dorothy Dinwiddie

Dinwiddie reported: July receipts were \$5,272.49 for a 2009 total of \$29,590.49- down \$4,000 so far from 2008. Lessons, passes, concessions were all down for the year.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Wetzel presented the Pisces Award to Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt in recognition of the City's "**Addressing Sanitary Sewer By-pass/ Overflow Issues, Improving Phosphorus Treatment, and Innovative & Effective Use of SRF Financing Mechanisms**" as awarded by the United States EPA and the State of Minn. This is to recognize all the Wastewater Treatment Plant workers.
- B) County Fair issues: **Yes**- city staff take care of bathroom upkeep all weekend.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Ronda Allis of Region Nine Development was present to explain the county's Small Cities Development Grant application for housing, rental property, or commercial rehab for property owners; a joint effort sponsored by Le Sueur County and Le Sueur County HRA. Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, to be an applicant with Le Sueur County on this application to Minnesota DEED. Approved unanimously.
- B) Fencing around dumpster in downtown parking lot: city ordinance requires the fence be there. Council each look at screen-fence and will discuss at upcoming workshop.
- C) Collins noted the safety meeting documents approved by the Safety Committee.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Krenik, Second by Fredrickson, to adopt resolution No. 2009K, thereby approving the Alliant Energy plan for adding lights along Commerce Drive and County Road 11. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council agreed to discuss the budget at the Sep.15, Oct.13, Nov.10, & Dec. 8 meetings.
- C) Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, to move the September regular council meeting to September 15 due to fireman's regional meeting on Sept. 8. Approved unanimously.
- D) Council agreed and Mayor set a Workshop Meeting for Monday, Aug. 24 @ 6:00 pm.
- E) Mayor Wetzel reminded council that they do not wield individual powers for decision

making or when dealing with the staff; and to please stick to their assigned appointments.

- F) 2008 Audit- why are Mayor & Council salaries much more than budgeted for?? Staff check into what was expensed into those two accounts.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

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