

OF LE CENTER COUNCIL MEETING OBER 13, 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 Squires, Second by Dinwiddie, minutes from September 15, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Fredrickson, Second by Krenik, minutes from September 28, 2009 Special Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Council changes to proposed Agenda: ADD: P & Z 3) Weber Bldg. ramp ADMIN. B) Web Site Status and OLD C) Pool stuff.

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Krenik, 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) Fiberglass Fabricators- Attorney Moran reported he had filed the paperwork with the court. Fiberglass continues to insist they do not even owe the City any money. The Le Sueur County Court system will now decide that.

Hayden reported: city 80 acre land lease will come up for bids this month/ contacted Subway franchise about opening here: östill not enough traffic count on Hwy 99 yet.ö

B) P & Z Report- Corey Block

- 1) Tim Brockway @ 281 So. Park Avenue was requesting a double variance to construct a garage on his property. P & Z had recommended approving the variances due to the modest size of the garage/ the garage would be accessed off Lanesburgh Street and not thru the alley; therefore would not infringe upon the alleyway. Motion by Fredrickson, Second by Krenik, to approve variance (1) a 2 ft. variance allowing the garage to be within 8 ft. of dwelling, not 10 ft. as ordinance states; and (2) a 5 ft. variance allowing the garage to be 15 ft. off the alley, not 20 ft. as the current ordinance states. Approved unanimously.

still refuses to allow a rental inspection; insisting they are to inspection. Even as a motel, they are subject to licensing county. Council agreed: Attorney Moran take them to court.

- 3) Weber Bldg. request for 3 ft. wide handicap ramp along side building on Park Ave. After some discussion; no action taken, building official get more information.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

City Clerk Collins gave a brief September report: Sales were \$76,602.04; down \$3,700 from August. Sundays are starting to pick up some.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of September: 131 calls/ 2,617 miles patrolled.

- 1) The new Police SUV 2010 Expedition has been ordered in black.
- 2) Note county letter on 800 Radio system update. Staff seek grants to help pay for.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

- 1) Lande letter- Supt. Roemhildt explained the letter he sent them concerning the cracked driveway from the 2004 Street Project. The warranty is now off.
- 2) Selly letter- Roemhildt explained the letter sent to Selly Excavating concerning the Well #4 Project. A motor failed and no one will take monetary responsibility. Our engineer insists this is covered by warranty work.

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt also gave his monthly report:

- Refuse- new refuse truck bill from Mr. Garage was for exchanging tires with the old garbage truck. They were newer. Now, finally, good for many years.
- Curbside leaf pick-up will be Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9.
- Streets- Roemhildt gave a snow plowing plan overview for snow removal.
- Trees- planning tree removals on Minnesota Street/ no responses from property owners.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering- Joel Hawbaker

- 1) 2010-11 USRDA Street Project- application had been submitted/ supposed to be 30 day review/ so far no reply back from USDA Rural.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- city engineer to meet with county engineer that week for final review vs. engineer's estimate (which came in higher).

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Nancy Stauff was present from the Le Sueur Co. Fair Assn. She re-affirmed the othank youo to the city staff for their help before, during, & after the fair.

Following requests: (1) add more gravel onto the truck on fair property this year, (3) road const. cut a couple tile near the horse arena; now the arena will not drain water out. City fix the problem.

During the fair, Selly Const. checked the tile at the road and it was flowing thru. City crew and Selly may need to televise the line to see where it's blocked. Fair Committee attend the next Fair Assn. meeting on Wed. October 21 at 8:00 pm to work this out.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Fredrickson, Second by Squires, to approve (as written) the new language written up by Attorney Moran pertaining to employee health insurance- dependent coverage and add it to the employee handbook Nov. 1st. Approved unanimously.
- B) Clerk Collins noted the letter he had written to Central Health Care (as ordered).
- C) Pool Report- Dorothy Dinwiddie

Councilwoman Dinwiddie reported: the state Park & Rec Report says that most pools, parks, & trails were all down revenue-wise this past summer. Le Center pool was no different. We did receive a \$300 donation from Le Center Sportsmen's Club.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Northland Securities/ Paul Donna was unable to make the meeting. Clerk Collins gave an explanation of the two types of refunding methods to choose from; for Council to discuss and decide at the November 10 meeting.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Krenik, Second by Dinwiddie, to adopt Resolution No. 2009N, thereby approving the de-certifying of TIF District #14 (Factor Bros). Approved unanimously.
- B) Web Site status: we are being charged for every change or addition we send up to Penguinco. Should we continue to pay for the work? or hire Rob to come down to train Tammy to upkeep the computer? Get a price from Penguinco to train Tammy. Council allotted \$400- \$500 to cover the cost.

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