

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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 Fredrickson, Second by Squires, minutes from October 13, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council changes to proposed Agenda: **ADD**: EDA 2) Approve farm lease bid
3) Loan application process

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- Attorney Moran update: filed with the county court/ 4 - 6 months until trial/ still putting city off/ no response from their attorney.
- 2) Motion by Squires, Second by Krenik, to accept high bid from Peter Thelemann for \$14,196 per year for three years on city 80 acre land lease. Approved unanimously.
- 3) Mayor Wetzel and Clerk Collins presented a new "Revolving Loan Application" patterned after City of Gaylord's example. Previously, City of Le Center had no application process to apply for funds. EDA Board had approved it exactly as written for Gaylord EDA. Staff change the city name to Le Center thru-out the application and present it for approval at December meeting.

B) P & Z Report- Corey Block

- 1) Spruce Board & Lodging update: letter sent to them/ filed with the county court/ still refuses to allow a rental inspection/ still bouncing between city and county authority.
- 2) Weber Bldg. request for 3'-6" wide handicap ramp along side building on Park Avenue. Hand out of rough sketch drawing- after much discussion; no action taken.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief October report: Sales were \$72,912.97; down \$3,600 from September. Council agreed: Mgr. Nelson & liquor committee hire a contractor to fix the roof problem concerning water damage & removal.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of October: 117 calls/ 2,501 miles patrolled. Pfarr reported: new SUV Expedition will be built the last week in November and shipped here to Factor Motors the first week in December.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- Streets- sweeping is done. Review of the snow removal ordinance.
- Parks- finishing up aerating & seeding fields/ moving bleachers back.
- Wastewater- removing bio-solids that day to the 80 acre field; now done in ½ day. Brief report on “By-pass Control & Elimination Plan” sent recently to MPCA.
- Refuse- will pick up garbage on Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week like usual. Done with televising of sanitary sewers on Minnesota Street for 2010 Project.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering- Joel Hawbaker

- 1) 2010-11 USRDA Street Project- USDA engineers still taking project comments. Bolton & Menk will try to schedule a property owner informational meeting.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- County has agreed to a 44 ft. wide Minnesota Street on each end and a 48 ft. wide street in downtown area. Council generally agreed to the 44 ft. wide street away from the downtown. Discussed streetlight locations & how cheaper, but similar, lights could be used in the residential areas.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mr. Paul Donna of Northland Securities was present to explain the two types of refinancing available to the City on the 2000 USDA Well # 3 & Watertower Loan. Earlier, the City had the chance to upgrade its credit rating by two levels at Standard & Poors. However, with recent reductions in interest rates and the State of Minnesota’s notification that they had reached their \$500M limit for sewer & water bonding, now was no longer the time to refinance. Motion by Krenik, Second by Squires, Council agreed to the following parameters should the opportunity present itself again: Delayed savings of \$150,000.00 net savings. Approved unanimously.

ARRA left-over bonds offered by Le Sueur County to each city in the county. Lengthy explanation by Mr. Donna on how these work. City must inform County by Jan. 1st if we wish to purchase some of those bonds.

- B) Notes from Le Sueur County Fair Assoc. meeting- After some discussion, Council agreed to a one year trial deal that would allow the Fair Assoc. and this carnival owner (only) to store his 7-8 big trucks of equipment (rides) in the back fair grounds during the winter months, be out by May 1st, and pay the Fair Assn. \$8,000 as he agreed. Attorney Moran draw up the letter and send to Fair Association.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Pizza Parlor- Wine & 3.2% Beer license: Council agreed to charge \$100 per year.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Reminder by staff for Council to turn in by Dec. 1st any expenses for reimbursement.
- B) Motion by Squires, Second by Dinwiddie, to approve the new 2010 Police Union Contract Agreement. Approved unanimously.
- C) Reminder by staff of December 8th T.N.T. Hearing starting at 7:00 pm during the Regular Council Meeting.

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