

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010 - 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, Seconded by Squires, minutes from December 8, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Krenik, notes from January 4, 2010 Workshop Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Council changes to proposed Agenda: No changes

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Krenik, Seconded 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 update: court date set for June 7th/ Atty Moran was allowed to negotiate directly with Mark Hagelberger of Fiberglass Fabricators. He acknowledges he owes the money to the city; we may have a signed agreement within month.
- 2) "Welcome To Le Center" sign- Hayden reported on committee meeting: one sign set in the middle of the South Park along Hwy 99. Committee still needs to decide on design, material, direction, cost, etc.

B) P & Z Report- Corey Block

Nothing to report. County has been working to get Spruce Board & Lodging into compliance. City is out of that now.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief December report: Sales were \$86,255.90; up \$16,900 from November and up \$7,000.00 from December 2008. Nelson gave a year-end report on 2009 sales & expenses: labor up \$6,000 but sales up \$13,000.00. Nelson would like to rent the back end of the adjacent building for a summer patio.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of December: 162 calls/ 2,773 miles patrolled.

- 1) New SUV put into service January 4th/ no air card yet/ involved in minor accident.
- 2) Pfarr gave 2009 report: calls were up 8% and miles down 4%. Complaints and warnings were the biggest increase/ P.T. hours were down by 3.7%.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- Water- watermain break on County Rd. 114 & State Hwy 99 cost \$1958.00 to fix plus another \$4,000-\$5,000 for blacktop yet this spring.
 - Parks- skating rink is open/ some vandalism occurring out there.
 - Refuse- reviewed 2009 recycling report/ old garbage truck going to Fahey's auction.
 - Wastewater- meeting set for Friday, January 22 @ 8:30 am with Menu Inspirations to preview their slightly increased 2010 billing amounts. An "Uninterrupted Power Supply" protector burned out that kept all our essential electronics going. This will cost some major \$ dollars to replace.
- 1) 2009 Year-end review. Total three watermain breaks in 2009.
 - 2) See DNR letter: too much water loss unaccounted for by city (18% average for last five years). Need to add meters into parks, flushing, city hall, etc. See many many more mandates listed: rate structure, measure water levels, education efforts.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering- Joel Hawbaker

- 1) 2010-11 USRDA Street Project- no information yet from USDA.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- street plan went in to MNDOT/ electrical engineer sent a streetlight plan that city may have to follow because of being a County-State Aid Road (adding some 20+ lights to the project). Hawbaker check into getting us out of that requirement if possible.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, to approve the 2009 Special Assessments list, thereby certifying the list to Le Sueur County Auditor for collection in 2010 with property taxes. Approved unanimously. No listed property owner attended to contest their assessment.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Dinwiddie, Seconded by Krenik, to approve the Wine & 3.2% Beer License for Jim Weber/ Cornerstone Pizza & Pasta restaurant. Approved unanimously.
- B) Request by Ken & Leone Henry for (3) “One Hour Parking” spots along their Lexington Avenue dollar store. After some discussion, Motion by Squires, Seconded by Dinwiddie, to install as many signs as needed to enforce one hour parking along the entire west side of that Lexington Avenue block. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Clerk Collins recommended the Council raise the LMCIT insurance deductible from \$500 up to \$1000 for sewer liability, municipal liability, property, & auto coverages to attempt to save some money in 2010. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Krenik, to raise the deductible accordingly to save some money. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve the 2010 Mayoral Appointments sheet as presented. Approved unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:55 pm.

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