

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Wetzel, Dorothy Dinwiddie, Josh Fredrickson, Jason Squires
Absent: Emmett Krenik

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Dinwiddie, Seconded by Squires, minutes from January 12, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Dinwiddie, minutes from February 1, 2010 Special Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Council changes to proposed Agenda: ADD: Admin. B) March Workshop date

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

A) E.D.A. Report- Don Hayden

- 1) Director Hayden explained the need for the city to deed to European Roasterie 60 ft. of property located between European and LJP Enterprises. County auditor has contacted city in the past to get this taken care of. European's building goes well over into the 60 ft. piece of property. Attorney Moran has drafted a resolution to "Quit Claim Deed" the property over to European Roasterie. EDA Board had recommended deeding the property over. Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve Resolution No. 2010A, thereby deeding the 60 ft. property over to European Roasterie via Quit Claim Deed. Approved unanimously.

B) P & Z Report- Corey Block

- 1) City Clerk Collins reported he had attended the Le Sueur County public hearing on amending the county sewer ordinance. Theirs is based on the state standards and shouldn't interfere with the city since we have our own ordinance. If there is a conflict, the stricter of the two ordinances would be enforced.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

City Clerk Collins gave a brief January 2010 report: Sales were \$66,626.49; down \$19,600 from December and down \$1700.00 from January 2009. Collins also reported: 1) sales only ok thru winter/ keeping open Sundays thru February, then assess. 2) some large sales thru Off-sale for larger parties, trying to land more of those big events. 3) dart tournament went very well, big sales day. Thanks to Tim Brockway and his team for running it. 4) Friday night is the Wine Tasting at the American Legion which we co-sponsor. 5) looking to set date for back alley bash.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of January: 91 calls/ 2,868 miles patrolled. Pfarr also reported: two car thefts this month- one arrest already made on one/ cancelled pagers for officers due to lack of use/ received data-card for laptop computer in SUV unit- some problems, take back to Verison Wireless.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- Water- watermain break on South Lexington Ave. near courthouse/ working on the DNR report from last month trying to correct the 30-some comments on their review checklist.
- Parks- skating rink still open, trying to keep the snow cleared after all the storms/ Pat K. recertified his swimming pool license. We must have one certified employee.
- Wastewater- met with Menu Inspiration to go over their 2010 monthly billing. Televising residential sewers for the 2010 Minnesota Street project: some take several letters to get in the house/ would like to give residents only one month to respond. (?)
- Streets- 1 Hour Parking signs are up on South Lexington Ave./ trying to do an inventory of current street signs for the 2015 changeover/ lots of snow- running out of places to dump it/ good equipment & good employees make the job easier.
 - 1) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Dinwiddie, to approve the bid by KLM for \$2500 for inside inspection of the watertower. Approved unanimously.
 - 2) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Dinwiddie, to approve the bid by Water Tower Clean & Coat for \$3800 for exterior cleaning of tower. Approved unanimously.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering- City Clerk Collins read Engineer Hawbaker's notes:

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- plan set is at MNDOT being reviewed/ storm sewer cost split will be 97% state and 3% city (not 55% state and 45% city). Engineer's Report will be complete prior to March meeting/ in order to use the 429 Process for assessments, a public hearing must be held/ once MNDOT comments are received, changes will be made and cost estimate will be revised based on those comments.

- 2) 2010-11 USDA Project- still no information on the report status/ interim financing thru Minnesota Rural Water (if city wishes) cannot be completed until the city has commitment letter from rural development/ hope to have project reviewed by March.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

Nancy Stauff from the county fair was present to give a brief 2010 fair report; including some of the events coming in 2010. Yes- use the baseball outfield again for laser tag.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Wetzel, Councilman Squires, Clerk Collins, Supt. Roemhildt spoke of the committee meeting looking at raising the water base fee by \$2.00 per month on each account to help cover the approx. \$32,500 loss in that fund. See committee notes. Workshop item.
- B) Collins explained the proposed new EDU list for apartments & rental units. Committee reworked the list to reflect the proposed new water base fee and adjusted several of the credits some of the properties were receiving. See committee list. Workshop item.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve the Pay Equity Implementation Report and Job Class Data Entry List submitted to State of Minn. Approved unanimously.
- B) Responding to a “letter of notification to renew agreement” from Rural Cellular; Council agreed city needs to renegotiate that cell phone antenna agreement. Attorney Moran has already contacted Rural Cellular seeking \$1500 per month (up from \$350 per month now).

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve Resolution issuing temporary Warrants #32716 for \$227,862.52 and #32718 for \$48,327.50. Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor & Council set Workshop Meeting for Friday, March 5 at 12:30 pm at city hall.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:50 pm.

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