

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 08, 2010 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Wetzel, Dorothy Dinwiddie, Emmett Krenik, Josh Fredrickson, Jason Squires
Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Squires, minutes from May 11, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council changes to proposed Agenda: ADD: OLD BUSINESS B) Do what with old Le Center sign??

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) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Krenik, to approve the new signed agreement with Fiberglass Fabricators to pay back their \$100,000 EDA loan (\$2,000 payments on 6/01 and 10/01 for 35 years until \$88,480.72 balance is paid off). City is only third in line on the building should Fiberglass falter on the loan. Approved by 4-1 vote; Squires voting no.

B) P & Z Report- Corey Block

- 1) Jared Borchardt "Letter of Credit" for 198 No. Cordova Avenue- is fulfilled and letter is released. LCHS is allowed to put steel roof on old bus garage building.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief May report: Sales were \$73,570.00; down \$1100 from April and down \$3500 from May 2009. Nelson reported: Sales very similar to 2009/ August 14 outdoor back-alley band/ very successful Hawaiian Night recently/ very few requests for graduation liquor refreshments.

- 1) Liquor Committee work with City Attorney Moran to set the apartment rent and commercial office rent monthly rates and make recommendation at July 13 council meeting. City will insure the building & property only; not for any contents.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of May: 132 calls/ 3,254 miles patrolled. Pfarr reported: city calls down 10%, miles patrolled up 6%.

- 1) COPS Grant- Council generally agreed to renew the grant into Phase II; can always refuse the grant if need be.
- 2) Taser upgrade- \$2400 for three new style tasers; not budgeted for in 2010. After much discussion: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Krenik, to purchase the three new tasers after we figure out how we will pay for them, I.E.- will the car forfeiture come thru? Approved unanimously.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- Water- Well #4 motor is pulled/ install new starter by Automatic Systems for no charge/ install different motor than previous (try same as Well #3). Pat K. applied for \$10,000 water grant for new meters and Wellhead protection materials. Fire hydrant (damaged) and repaired. See itemized bill. We already have the ins. check.
- Streets- street patching is done; went slightly over budget/ next month will seek bids for resealing Rolling Hills Drive and 2004 Street Project streets. It's all budgeted.
- Parks- Pool is ready to open June 11th/ patching and painting by Fredrickson done.

Tim Kelly lots along Rolling Hills Drive: Bolton & Menk had a map of the lift-station in the area- a sewer line into the station is available to hook into. A water service line was stubbed in back when the street was done. Mr. Kelly is happy with this for now. He may want to tap into the water line to water trees this summer.

Dave Fredrickson estimate to paint the WWTP tank: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires to accept Fredrickson Paint bid for \$2500 higher to paint the WWTP tank due to the third coat of paint he will be applying. Approved unanimous.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering- Engineer Joel Hawbaker

- 1) 2010-11 USDA Project- finally heard: our application is in St. Paul being reviewed.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project-
 - a) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Dinwiddie, to adopt Resolution No. 2010G, thereby Accepting Bid & Ordering Work be done. Low bid accepted was by Max Johnson Trucking for \$1,921,472.51. Approved unanimously.
 - b) Todd Hagen from Ehlers was present to explain the "Bond Pre-Sale Report". Mr. Hagen reported the bond sale will take place July 13th/ City share of the project was approx. \$609,000 with broker issue costs of \$31,000 and \$10,000 of extra's for a total bond sale of \$650,000.00.

Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, to approve Resolution No. 2010H, thereby Providing for the Sale of \$650,000 in G.O. Improvement Bonds 2010. Approved unanimously. Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, to approve Resolution No. 2010I, thereby Authorizing the City to Enter into a Credit Enhancement Program Agreement with the State of Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. Approved unanimously.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Jim Weber was present to complain about all the junk & garbage being dumped in and around his back dumpster in the city parking lot. Most of the junk is being dumped at night onto the ground and Waste Mgmt. won't pick up junk/garbage off the ground. Mr. Weber felt the city should pick up the junk/garbage with the city truck. Council will take the matter under advisement and seek a solution.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) City Clerk Collins noted there would be three housing rehab projects done in Le Center thru the Small Cities Grant awarded to Le Sueur County. The three homes were ones that had successfully applied last year and were income eligible. Each home would be receiving an average of \$21,000. The city would not be deciding who gets the grants.
- B) Do what with the old space being vacated by the Welcome sign?? Leave the old sign up? Rent the space to someone else for a billboard? After discussion; Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Dinwiddie, remove the sign and leave the space empty. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, to approve the 2010 3.2% beer license for "For The Love of Joshua" (Angie Neubauer) softball tourney. Approved unanimously.
- B) Request to vacate back alley by Scheffert's at 25 South Cordova Avenue. Clerk Collins explained the city policy used by previous councils to vacate an alley. After discussion, Council decided to hold off for now unless it becomes a bigger problem. Clerk send letter to adjacent property owner reminding them that is an open alley.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Clerk Collins noted the results from the May 4 "Board of Equalization". There were no letters or calls received and no one showed up to contest their property value.
- B) Council discussed moving the August 10 Regular Council Meeting due to the State Primary Election. Hold off until July Council Meeting to set new time & date.
- C) Council discussed not publishing the official minutes from council meetings in the newspaper. Clerk Collins reported the city could fulfill its legal obligation by mailing out the minutes each month to anyone who requested them / posting the minutes on the official city board at city hall/ and posting them on the new city web site. Collins guessed the city spent \$8,000- \$10,000 per year on minutes and surmised Le Center was one of the few cities left in the county who published their minutes. Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Squires, to discontinue publishing meeting minutes in the local newspaper, strictly as an attempt to save the taxpayers money. Approved unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:53 pm.

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