

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 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 Squires, Seconded by Krenik, minutes from June 08, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to proposed Agenda: None

**III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

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

A) E.D.A. Report

- 1) Noted letter from city attorney suggesting potential ways to secure EDA loan re-payments from customers: personal guarantees, extra collateral, UCC filing statements concerning inventory, etc. so as to not go thru what we have with Fiberglass Fabricators.

B) P & Z Report

No meeting to report.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief June report: Sales were \$70,213.00; down \$3300 from May and down \$3500 from June 2009. Nelson reported: Sales were slower due to street project/ apts. should be ready to rent out by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 1) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires, to approve the rough draft of the "Commercial Real Estate Lease Agreement." Approved unanimously.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of June: 175 calls/ 2,850 miles patrolled. Pfarr reported: city received grant to install "in car" camera in squad expedition/ submitted secondary application for COPS grant/ submitted reimbursement request to POST Board for \$3,023.00 for training costs.

- 1) Noted ½ year call comparisons sheet.
- 2) Abate notices not complied with: Attorney Moran send letters to each property owner and give 7 days to adhere to city ordinance or then charge them out.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- Streets- yes purchase diesel fuel thru Le Sueur County Hwy Dept. from now on; hold off on gasoline until we see price differences/ Centerpointe Energy project causing much concern to property owners along the job project.
  - Water- fixed water leaks in trailer court and Co. Rd. 114: bolts corroded out on water valves in both cases/ tower inspection and tower cleaning will both be done later this month/ paid for and received our new, updated water meter reader.
  - Parks- much fire damage in West Park bathrooms last week/ pool inspected by Le Sueur County Health Dept. with no infractions reported.
  - Wastewater- heavy rains forced a sanitary sewer system “by-pass” of 84,000 gallons of untreated water on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the intersection of Lexington & Ottawa.
  - 2010 Street Project- may need to add some storm-water inlets in the alley between South Waterville Ave./ Montgomery Ave./ Sharon St. (abutting Gene Lewis property) to take water away from that area.
- 1) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Dinwiddie, to approve the bid by Pearson Bros. Inc. for \$49,221.20 to seal-coat 2004 Street Project streets, Rolling Hills Drive, & Meadow View Lane and use the remaining seal-coat budget balance (\$25,000) to mill & overlay Mill Avenue. Approved unanimously.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) 2010-11 USDA Project- hoping to set up a meeting with USDA within few weeks.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- discussion on the new streetlights: Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, order the 28 new streetlights with smaller, cheaper poles matching the current downtown lightpoles with LED lights for \$24.60 more per pole with only flagpole holders on. Approved unanimously.
  - a) Dave Callister from Ehlers presented the “Bond Sale Report” to council: city used the State enhanced AAA credit rating for the bond sale of \$650,000.00. Cronin & Co. was low bidder with 3.8588% interest rate. (three bidders)
  - b) Motion by Dinwiddie, Seconded by Fredrickson, to adopt Resolution No. 2010J, thereby approving the bond sale resolution and awarding the sale of \$650,000 in G.O. Improvement Bonds with an interest rate of 3.8588%. Approved unanimously.

G) Pool Report

Councilwoman Dinwiddie gave the June pool report: Sales were \$22,566.00, down only slightly from previous year/ only open 13 days due to weather/ trouble with the baby pool paint peeling.

**V. PUBLIC FORUM**

Le Sueur County Fair representative Nancy Stauff reported on the progress of the upcoming county fair.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A) Change the August Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 pm due to the state primary election.
- B) Steve Brockway (450 South Cordova Avenue) abate nuisance status: Attorney Moran send letter giving 7 additional days to comply with ordinance or then charge it out.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Dinwiddie, to approve the 2010 City-School field lease agreement for \$5,000.00. Approved unanimously.
- B) Deb Dwyer of Le Center High School requested a “No Parking Zone” on Lexington Avenue entire length of school block on west side of street from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm during school days only. Motion by Squires, Seconded by Dinwiddie, to approve the request. Use signs, do not paint curb. Approved unanimously.
- C) Bob Guggisberg (385 No. Montgomery Ave.) was present to request that the alley behind his house be “opened & improved” from the Bowler Street entry. He would like to build a garage in his back yard and access it from the alley. His single attached garage is not space enough for the vehicles he has. Council generally agreed: to start the process, have the alley surveyed/staked from end to end so can see how many trees and sheds would have to be removed from the alley-way if opened.
- D) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, to approve the two parcels listed by Le Sueur County in Le Center (395 E. Washington St./ 432 E. Woodlawn St.) for public auction for non-payment of property taxes. Approved unanimously.

**VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.**

- A) Motion by Dinwiddie, Seconded by Fredrickson, to adopt Resolution No. 2010K, thereby “de-certifying” TIF District #15 (Royal American Foods 3) as of this date. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council discussed the water bill of Sunny Terrace Trailer Court. Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Squires, have Attorney Moran send letter to Myhre Investments/Peter Spinler, Property Manager, giving them 14 days to make the account current and keep it current or be subject to shut-off. Approved unanimously.

- C) Motion by Dinwiddie, Seconded by Krenik, to approve the election judge list for 2010 Primary Election. Approved unanimously.
- D) Council scheduled a budget workshop meeting for Friday, July 30 @ 9:00 AM at city hall- council & city clerk only, no dept. heads.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Squires, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:52 pm.

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