

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010 - 7:00 PM**

**\*\* MINUTES \*\***

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Squires, minutes from July 13, 2010  
Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to proposed Agenda: ADD: ADMIN. E) Approve 3.2% Beer License

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

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

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Hayden reported: Soon-to-be-vacant LJP Building has a possible renter.

B) P & Z Report

Zoning Administrator Block presented a Buck-N-Up Store request to install a handicap  
entrance to the front of their building at 105 West Minnesota Street. Council generally  
agreed the ramp would not physically fit on Minnesota Street and should be pursued  
from the Lexington Avenue side of the building. Block talk to owners and bring back  
some new ideas how to work it.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief July report: Sales were \$73,493.00;  
up \$3200 from June and down \$1900 from July 2009. Nelson reported: refurbished  
apartments and office space were now ready to rent out.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of July: 113 calls/ 2,746  
miles patrolled. Pfarr reported: computers now installed in both patrol vehicles to  
access the state patrol information.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- Streets- crack sealing is completed and ready for sealcoat on those targeted streets/ blacktop done on Mill, Tyrone, & Washington streets/ CenterPoint Energy is now doing the private service lines on their gas project along Maple and Tyrone streets.
- Wastewater- Fredrickson ready to sandblast and paint that tank now.
- Watertower- company will come next week to clean the exterior of the tower.
- WTP- cost of redwood landscaping chips for around building: \$675.00.
- Parks- during county fair; city will maintain baseball bathrooms/ fair assoc. all others.

## F) Bolton &amp; Menk Engineering

- 1) 2010-11 USDA Project- engineer & city council finally met with USDA officials in early August/ currently working on Phase II of the application.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project-
  - a) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, order now 22 new LED replacement streetlight heads @ cost estimate = \$32,120.00. Approved unanimously.
  - b) “Leave well enough alone.” This issue has passed.
  - c) Policy stays as is: every lot gets sewer & water connections stubbed automatically.

## G) Pool Report

City Clerk Collins gave the July pool report: Sales were \$7,890.00, up slightly from previous years. Yearly total is \$30,456.80.

**V. PUBLIC FORUM**

Le Sueur County Fair representative Nancy Stauff reported on the progress of the upcoming county fair. Yes- permission to use outfield grass again for laser tag.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A) No issue. Sunny Terrace delinquent water bill paid in full today.
- B) Steve Brockway (450 South Cordova Avenue) abate nuisance status: council agreed- he has been given enough time to comply. Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Fredrickson, Attorney Moran sue the matter out in court. Approved unanimously.
- C) Bob Guggisberg (385 No. Montgomery Avenue) request to improve alley: (see letter) with Mr. Guggisberg the only one expressing interest in improving the alley, and the city having no money available for improvement; council agreed alley stays “**as is.**”

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Krenik, to adopt Resolution No. 2010M, thereby vacating the 15 ft. wide alley running between Lots 6 and 11, and between the north 14.2 ft. of Lots 7 and 10 located in Block 16 of Original Town Plat, City of Le Center, Minnesota. Approved unanimously. (Floyd Perkins property)
- B) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, to give Jensen's Country Boarding of Le Center six (6) months written notice of contract termination and then join the County in a new joint animal boarding venture. Approved unanimously.

**VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.**

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, to approve 2010 County Highway Agreement for \$14,523.71. Approved unanimously.
- B) 2011 budget discussion: Mayor and Clerk set another budget workshop meeting for later in the month of August to finalize the numbers.
- C) Mayor Wetzel announced the following dates for future budget discussion: Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, & Dec. 14.
- D) Mayor Wetzel noted city election filing dates of Aug. 3 to Aug. 17 for mayor & council.
- E) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Squires, to approve the 3.2% Beer license for DRW Women's Softball (Ashley Miller) on Sept. 11 at West Park. Approved unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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