

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 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 Squires, Seconded by Dinwiddie, minutes from September 14, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to proposed Agenda: ADD: REPORTS/ EDA 1) Fiberglass payment

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

- 1) Fiberglass Fabricator's payment due on Oct. 1st was \$2,000 under the newly signed agreement from this past spring; they paid only \$500. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires, to have Attorney Moran sue the matter out in court for payment due and court costs. Approved by 4-1 vote, Dinwiddie voting No.

B) P & Z Report

No meetings/ no report/ no zoning issues. Next licensing period for rental ordinance inspections starts January 1st, 2011 by city inspector.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief September report: Sales were \$66,991.00; down \$3600 from August and down \$9600 from September 2009. Nelson reported: liquor committee agreed on a price mark-down for case beer to try to improve the Off-Sale sales/ On-Sale sales have been increasing/ 4 dart teams, 2 pool teams means people in the bar on off nights/ two apartments rented and some lookers for the third/ expenses of \$58,000 so far for Elmer's Bldg. remodeling job.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of September: 149 calls/ 2,489 miles patrolled. Pfarr reported video cam installed into Expedition but software not yet ready to receive; needs some additional work.

- 1) Notice of rejection letter from Feds on COPS Grant.
- 2) See estimate for outdoor security camera: after some discussion, hold off on doing anything until we review the camera & security needs of the new storage building.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- Wastewater- 1) Discussed Fredrickson Paint invoice: Dave Fredrickson was present to explain the \$3,415.25 (+ 19%) overage on billing to repair the sewer plant tank. After some discussion; Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Wetzel, to pay them the \$3,415.25 overage difference, with the understanding that Fredrickson Paint Shop will try to do a better job of bidding city projects in the future. Approved by 4-1 vote, Squires voting No.
 - 2) See: “Notice of By-pass Report” submitted to State MPCA and published in the official newspaper/ lengthy explanation of rainwater by-pass and gallons of clean water passed thru plant.
- Water- see handout of KLM watertower inspection report. Many suggestions and costs for important procedures that should be planned for in the future.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) 2010-11 USDA Project- some information still being passed between the city council, city engineer, and USDA officials.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- sidewalks in that week/ more curb & gutter to Lexington Street by following weekend/ city has contacted MNDOT for their recommendation on using salt w/ sand on new Minnesota Street/ Yes- allow Gene Lewis to put his Waterville Ave. sidewalk on his assessments.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Ordinance change: Amending Ordinance No. 2 Administration- Section #2-121 Position and Title of Administrative Clerk/ Treasurer to Administrator. Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-1, thereby amending City Ordinance No. 2 Administration- and changing the position and title of the chief administrative employee to “Administrator”. Approved unanimously.

- B) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, adopt Resolution No. 2010-0, thereby approving the refunding of bonds from the 2004 Street Project, approving the Escrow Agreement, and appointing committee to award sale of bonds. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Yes- Clerk Collins and Attorney Moran contact Wells-Fargo Bank to insist they hire someone to clean up the property at 501 North Montgomery Avenue and then they also pay the bill. Do not pay and assess. Do not accept the quote from ServiceMaster.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Discussion on Alliant Energy cost increase request to Public Utilities Commission: Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Squires, to Adopt Resolution No. 2010-P, thereby calling on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to reject or reduce the proposed 22% increase request by Alliant Energy. Approved unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Dinwiddie, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:15 pm.

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