

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 Fredrickson, Seconded by Krenik, minutes from October 12, 2010  
Public Hearing be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Squires, minutes from October 12, 2010  
Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Council changes to proposed Agenda: None

**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

- 1) Fiberglass Fabricator's payment due on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> for \$2,000 was finally paid in three  
payments. Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Krenik, to rescind the previous motion to  
have Attorney Moran sue the matter out in court. Approved unanimously.
- 2) "Welcome To Le Center" sign is set in place at the fairgrounds. Landscaping and  
flags will be installed in spring. Thank you to all who volunteered time or money.

B) P & Z Report

Rental Inspection renewals went out/ 2-3 done already/ all inspections will be done in the  
same January each year regardless of when they were first inspected for easier records.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief October report: Sales were \$70,626.00;  
up \$3600 from Sept. and down \$2200 from October 2009. Council agreed: need  
uniform rental lease form and background checks for tenants at Elmer's Bldg. apts.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of October: 144 calls/ 2,728 miles patrolled. Pfarr reported: video camera in Expedition ready for use. Second forfeiture vehicle has come in, owner wants to buy it back. Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, sell the vehicle back to owner for \$2,000.00. Approved unanimously.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- Water- much time consuming work done for I.S.O. Company w/ fire department for city water protection system/ all hydrants are now listed and some were flow tested.
- Parks- bleachers all moved back/ fields are aerated.
- Refuse- garbage pick-up the next few weeks will be on WED. Nov. 10 and WED. Nov. 24 due to the holidays/ three leaf pick-up dates went well.
- Wastewater- biosolids were all hauled out onto our field in one day: 1 million gallons in dry sludge. Soon meeting with Menu Inspirations for changes to their Industrial User Agreement for 2011 (using 2009 figures) will go up approx. \$13,000.00.
- Streets- fall sweeping is done. The snowplows are on: remember all vehicles off the street at one (1") inch of snowfall until the street is plowed from curb to curb. When the plow hits the mailbox, city is responsible for repair. When the flying snow hits the mailbox, property owner is responsible for repair. New street signs for Minnesota Street will be green without the city logo as Council wanted.

## F) Bolton &amp; Menk Engineering

- 1) 2010-11 USDA Project- no new information/ all city info has been submitted.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- Hawbaker reported: will pour the N curb & S wing of street on 11/10; then mainline paving on 11/11; then back to S curb & N wing next week. Railing at Gino's Abstract, Thrift Store, Taco Store = yes process with Lyle's Welding making them & assess them back to the property as part of the project.

General Contractor Gary Johnson spoke of the project: recent nice weather has helped immensely/ does not want to put in the last two west sidewalks due to chance of them not fully compacting and then sinking next spring/ will compact them & then gravel them for the winter/ will concrete them in spring 2011. Council agrees to allow the concrete sidewalks to be installed in spring 2011.

**V. PUBLIC FORUM**

- 1) There were no communications or questions from the general public concerning the 2011 Preliminary Tax Levy or 2011 Total Budget. See levy comparison sheet on packet pg. 23.

- 2) Tim Kelly was present to request his moving in a garage/shed onto his shop property at 340 South Maple Avenue. Kelly stated: "His property is zoned I-2 where the setback rule is 50 ft. – which is very prohibitive; plus each lot is only allowed one garage/shed on the property and he already presently has one located there. This forces him to turn down the garage he moved onto his property; when he could use it for inside storage of concrete equipment. Plus, as written, he would have to set the garage in the middle of the lot, wasting valuable property space." Council recommended sending the issue over to the Planning & Zoning Commission to review possibly a re-zoning of the entire area.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Summary Ordinance No. 2010-2; A summary of Amending Ordinance No. 2010-1, which amends Ordinance No.2 Administration- Section #2-121 Position and Title of Administrative Clerk/ Treasurer to Administrator. Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, to adopt Summary Ordinance No. 2010-2, thereby approving the publication of the Summary of Ordinance No. 2010-1 as Amended. Approved unanimously.
- B) Well No. 4 update: see letter from Bolton & Menk to bonding company. This issue has since been taken care of by General Contractor Selly Excavating & three contractors.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Re-route snowmobile trail: several council members against running through present location/ nothing along or thru Horizon Addition or Woods Edge Subdivision/ possibly run it inside the state R.O.W. from the city limits to across from Beer Oil & Tire. Mayor Wetzel work with the snowmobile assoc. to find an acceptable route.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Dinwiddie, to Adopt Resolution No. 2010-Q, thereby approving/ canvassing/ certifying the election results provided by the county as a true and accurate count from the Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> City General Election. Approved unanimously.
- B) Clerk Collins reminded Council- turn in their expenses by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> for reimbursement.
- C) Collins brought up the delinquent water-sewer bill for Myhre Investments/ Sunny Terrace Trailer Court @ \$11,622.14. Council directed Atty. Moran to contact Myhre and demand payment by a certain date like last time; or water will be shut off.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Squires, Seconded by Krenik, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:05 pm.