

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011 - 7:00 PM**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Mayor Wetzel, Jason Squires, Josh Fredrickson, Bob Emmers, Brad Collins  
Absent: None

*\* City Administrator Collins administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Wetzel and new Council-members Robert Emmers and Brad Collins.*

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires, minutes from December 14, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to proposed Agenda: ADD- Fair Assoc. Report

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

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

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Don Hayden reported: book signing at ABC Office Products/ possible candy company deal still on track.

B) P & Z Report

Zoning Official Corey Block reported: additional letter sent to rental inspection non-renewals (½) not responding/ letters going out soon for P & Z meeting for certain I-2 district to bring them all into zoning compliance.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief December report: Sales were \$77,723.00; up \$9900 from November and down \$8500 from Dec. 2009. Nelson gave a Year-End report: On-Sales up by approx. \$18,000.00; Off-Sales down by approx. \$45,000.00. Would like to order more new bar stools: Motion by Squires, Seconded by Emmers, to order approx. 25 matching stools @ \$3000-\$4000 cost. Approved unanimously.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of December: 140 calls/ 2,952 miles patrolled. Pfarr gave Year-End report: both calls and miles patrolled up approx. 1% over 2009/ criminal calls up 2.5% over 2009/ hours for P.T. help down 11% from 2009, lowest in 7 years. Dare Graduation will be January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his December monthly report:

- Streets- all old streetlights now working; was our own problem so will be bill coming from Bob's Electric. Tons of snow, work crew doing great job of clearing.
- Year-End report: recycling records show co-mingle was up 3.54 tons (4.37%) over 2009/ paper & cardboard were up 4.75 tons (3.46%) over 2009. Refuse records show 12.33 tons (4.71%) more than hauled in 2009. Review of Water, Sewer, & Refuse Accounts in the council packet showed all three made a profit in 2010 as budgeted.

## F) Bolton &amp; Menk Engineering

- 1) 2010-11 USDA Project- No report. No BMI rep was present.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- No report. No BMI rep was present.

G) Le Sueur County Fair Assoc. rep Nancy Stauff gave a review of the 2010 Fair: what worked, what didn't, what's planned for 2011/ meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month.

**V. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A) Council reviewed the proposed contract with Kind Vet for animal boarding. Chief Pfarr and Administrator Collins meet with Sheriff Doherty and Kind Vet to negotiate a final 3-way agreement for Feb. meeting approval.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Administrator Collins explained the new contract proposal from Waste Management containing a huge dumpster charge increase for 2011: a \$350 per month increase that would come directly out of the City's pocket, not county-wide as it should. Collins meet with county officials to work out new agreement so county-wide covers increase.

**VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.**

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Emmers, to approve the 2011 Mayoral Appointments and city designations. Approved unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:40 pm.

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