

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Fredrickson, notes from January 10, 2011 Workshop Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires, minutes from January 11, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

C) Council changes to proposed Agenda: ADD Admin. B) Mayoral Appointments chg.

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Fredrickson, 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: Le Center Leader & Huckle Media LLC have donated \$500.00 to "Welcome Sign" and a \$500.00 credit towards the advertising of the sign.

B) P & Z Report

Zoning Official Corey Block reported: P & Z meeting scheduled for Feb. 24 to discuss the possible re-zone of several I-1 properties along Hwy 99; with the Public Hearing then scheduled for March. Some questions asked on the plans of the P & Z for changing which properties? (and) possibly adding an additional/new zone to the area??

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief January report: Sales were \$64,626: down \$13,000 from December, and down \$2,000 from Jan. 2010. Nelson reported Sunday Football was over; assessing the possibility of staying open Sundays thru March 1st/ or during the NASCAR season?? Much debate about whether to stay open on Sundays into the summer: Mgr. & Liquor Board come up with a plan to recommend to Council.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of January: 116 calls/ 2,814 miles patrolled. Busy snow month with calls up 27% from last January.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his December monthly report:

1) Analysis of last 10 years of contract snow hauling; and the huge increase for the 2010 year.

- Wastewater- Renewal of WWTP permit: Now we must chlorinate our effluent water under this permit. Later (May, 2014) we must de-chlorinate our effluent water under new permit. Bolton & Menk will engineer it.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering (Joel Hawbaker, Engineer)

1) 2010-11 USDA Project- Project as amended: Lexington Avenue in it's entirety; and including Bowler Street and all streets north of Bowler Street.

2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- No report.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Ken Russell of 322 North Lexington Avenue was present because he had been sent two City zoning ordinance violation notices for parking in his front yard, not on the designated driveway. With only a single stall driveway, he questioned whether the true intent of the ordinance was being enforced? He stated it: "caused no sight-ability problems, no snow plowing problems, no sidewalk problems, and was not in the City R.O.W." Since he had no other place to park the vehicle, he asked could the city suspend the rule until April??

After much discussion on the matter; the Council realized the vehicle was being stored in his front yard, and not being actively moved out each day, and allowed Mr. Russell 10 days to remove the vehicle and find a different place to park it.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins presented the proposed contract with Kind Vet for animal boarding. He and Chief Pfarr were still trying to negotiate a lower per month fee. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires, to accept the contract as written pending the same (\$350) or lower negotiated fee per month. Approved unanimously.
- B) Collins gave a brief update on removing the dumpsters from city parking lot. See letter from Le Center Floral. Dumpsters will be moved closer to the businesses and wood fence will be taken down as weather permits.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins presented the new contract proposal for recycling with Le Sueur County. Collins negotiated a monthly fee of \$1950.00 he hoped they would also be approving at their next Board meeting. Motion by Squires, Seconded by Collins, to approve the recycling contract with Le Sueur County for 2011 @ \$1950.00 per month. Approved unanimously.
- B) “Deaf Child” sign request. Requester not present/ minimal discussion/ no action taken.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Emmers, to approve resolution for issuing temporary Warrant for check #33719 (\$127,835.45). Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, to amend the Mayoral Appointments list to move Mayor Wetzel onto the Ambulance Commission. Approved unanimously.
- C) Can the council packet be done without paper packets? Staff look into it.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:35 pm.

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