

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Wetzel, minutes from April 12, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires, notes from May 3, 2011 Workshop 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 Emmers, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

EDA Director Hayden reported: Deb Claffey moving back to town for a salon/ candy business still in the works/ two businesses interested in \$5,000 loans.

B) P & Z Report

- 1) Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Squires, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-1, thereby amending the I-1, I-1a, I-2 Districts of the Zoning Ordinance (Permitted Uses: Accessory Buildings sections). Approved unanimously. Public Hearing was held on Thursday, May 5, 2011. P & Z Board had recommended approval.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief April report: Sales were \$70,346: up \$5400 from March, and down \$4300 from April 2010. Nelson also reported: Yearly sales down \$9,000, but expenses down \$9,000 too/ Off-Sale busy with graduations & wedding sales/ only one men's softball team sponsored/ maybe an outdoor street dance being discussed/ mgr. did comparison pricing with nearby local off-sale stores and found Muni to be same or lower than most/ last apt. now rented- should break even or make some profit/ several questions on the apts. water, electric, and cable services.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of April: 133 calls/ 2,550 miles patrolled. Pfarr also reported: still comparable number calls as 2010/ busy with thefts/ public please call in any suspicious behavior.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- ❖ Water- Well #4 still not repaired/ Bolton & Menk has no answer yet on why it's failing/ so far, Bolton & Menk is paying for the investigation/ hydrants all flushed.
- ❖ Wastewater- seeking prices to re-coat the main lift-station in concrete/ Pat K. awarded Class B Operator as Section Champ.
- ❖ Parks- kids already stole 16 rolls of TP after 1st day bathrooms were open. All bathrooms now locked; opened only for events.
- ❖ Refuse- grass and leaves all picked up/ two truckloads of chippings taken in.
- ❖ Pool- cleaning up the floor bottom; water in soon/ open June 6/ lessons June 13.
- ❖ Streets- winter very hard on city streets with numerous frost boils/ will repair the two spots agreed to at the workshop meeting. (E. Tyrone & E. Lanesburg)

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

- 1) 2010-11 USDA Project- No to early loan payback, because they will not accept it.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- stumps being removed and sidewalks being cut/ next week= big work being done/ any punch list items call into Bolton & Menk/ need to meet with seeding & tree company/ Genelin & Germscheid corner: some established trees may have to come out to solve the problem.

G) Pool Report- starting in June; pool mgr. attend the council meetings.

H) Fair Association- Fair Board is taking bids to re-concrete out the green bldg. floor.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A) City Hall building repairs- yes seek prices to re-roof and paint inside entryway.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Emmers, to start charging a \$25.00 fee for all 3.2% Beer Licenses issued by the city. Approved unanimously.
- B) 2011 budget reductions? Set workshop meeting at June council meeting.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) No Parking/ 2 Hr. Parking signs downtown: how many are needed to enforce it? Attorney Moran said “no set standard.” He recommends two signs per block on poles.
- B) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Collins, to have 2010 TIF returns done by Ehlers Inc. for an additional \$3,000- \$4,000 over budget. Approved unanimously. For the extra cost, Ehlers will review & make recommendations on the what to do any leftover \$\$.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:50 pm.

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