

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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 Emmers, Seconded by Collins, minutes from May 10, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to proposed Agenda: None

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Collins, 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) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve the Revolving Loan Application for Greg Squires/ Greg's Auto (416 So. Maple Ave.) requesting \$10,000 @ 4% interest over 5 year payback. First National Bank of Le Center was primary lender. EDA Board had recommended approval of loan. Approved unanimously.

2) Fiberglass Fabricators \$2,000 loan payment due 6-01-11 was not yet paid. EDA Director Hayden reported: "they will make the payment by the end of June."

B) P & Z Report

1) Tim Emmers request for a zoning ruling to allow an apartment in the bowling alley. Mr. Emmers and his father would like to purchase the bowling alley; but stated it would be much easier to purchase if his father could live in the apartment and run the business. P & Z Administrator Corey Block informed the council: city cannot legally allow a living apartment on the main floor according to our ordinance. The B-3 Downtown Business District does not permit main floor apartments. It is now considered a conforming office space and cannot be changed back. With this information, Council expressed its regrets; but took no action.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief May report: Sales were \$62,913: down \$7,400 from April, and down \$10,600 from May 2010. Nelson also reported: the main computer is dying, may need to purchase new one soon/ still may be some type of street-dance put on by the Municipal/ apt. tenants will be paying for utilities starting now and back-paying too.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of May: 111 calls/ 2,478 miles patrolled. Pfarr also reported: Post Board compliance review of the department was done- we passed/ big problem with loud music complaints in the trailer park; mostly false alarms; mostly at the same 1-2 trailers.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- ❖ Water- Well #4 failure- see letter from Bolton & Menk with recommendations on repairing the damage and suggestions on cause. BMI also states they will cover the \$7,000 repair cost for this, the last time.
- ❖ Parks- laid down more wood chips at North Park & Trailer Court Park as required/ hope to dust control 80,000 sq. ft. of gravel roads at Winco Rd. and West Park Rd. Possibly Men's Softball Assoc. could help pay a portion? Council agreed: yes do West Park Road/ no to Winco Road.
- ❖ Pool- passed the county inspection/ opened June 7, then closed for two cold days.
- ❖ Streets- did repair the two winter boiled up spots agreed to at the workshop meeting and one additional small spot.

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

- 1) 2010-11 USDA Project- Yes continue to pursue this grant by submitting application.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- Yes- survey the Cesafsky lot/ BMI will survey entire lot to find correct property pins/ neighbor's driveway is right along the property line. See the current punchlist- contact Bolton & Menk with any additions: Genelin corner, Muni roof drains, Sharon St. & Maple Ave. dip, 20 trees planted all yet to be done.

Sealcoat bids will be taken for: Woods Edge and Commerce Drive to motel area.

G) Pool Report- Council agreed: No pool passes for day-cares. Pool committee discuss with manager about policy for closing when few kids there.

H) Fair Association- No report.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1) School consolidation committee: Jennifer L. Blaschko spoke on the benefits of the possible consolidation between Le Center Schools and Montgomery-Lonsdale Schools.
- 2) Maria Pappas of 185 No. Cordova Ave. was present to dispute her lawn mowing bill ordered by the city. Ms. Pappas felt she should have been given a warning before the city hired it cut. Administrator Collins stated that city ordinance on grass & weed mowing is published once in May for the entire summer and then NO notice is required to be given before city goes in to mow a property. That is the city ordinance. After some discussion, Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires, new city policy will be for city staff to place a door hanger on property giving 48 hr. notice before the city will hire it mowed. Approved unanimously. Collins work with Ms. Pappas to cover her bill.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve the 3.2% Beer Licenses for LC Men's Softball League, LC Braves Baseball, St. Mary's Church Festival, LC Comm. Club fair, Le Sueur Co. Sheriff's Posse, LC Sportsmen's Club, LC Lanes, For The Love Of Joshua Softball Tourney, DRW Women's Softball Tourney and Club Liquor Licenses for VFW Post & American Legion. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Collins, to approve the 2011 City & School field lease agreement for \$5,000.00. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Peter Thelemann was present to request he be allowed to tile the city 80 acres of farm land he now rents from the city. He estimated his cost to be approx. \$7,000- \$8,000 and wished to extend his lease agreement with the city in lieu of payment for the work. He is in the 2nd year of a three year agreement and hoped for a 5-6 year extension. After much discussion, Council agreed: yes- allow him to do the work/ finish out this lease contract as is/ extend the contract out 3 years @ \$182.00 per acre/ then 3 years @ \$200.00 per acre/ Attorney Moran draw up the contract for the next council meeting.
- B) City Hall generator: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires, to pay Katolight Corp. to have the generator repaired/ rewired to make it work. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Council agreed: Set Workshop Meeting for Monday, June 27 @ 6:30 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:32 pm.