

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 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 Emmers, minutes from June 14, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires, notes from June 29, 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 Collins, 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 Hayden reported: no meetings/ a private party interested in a lot in Industrial Park/a private party interested in the Richter corner/ Welcome sign flags & flowers done.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block reported: no meetings. State shutdown has not affected building permits except for: State Board of Electricity will not allow electrical inspections during the shutdown. LMC has a temporary ordinance to adopt allowing subcontracting with an 'Electric Inspector' and hire him to do inspections during the state shutdown. Attorney Moran recommended passing the emergency ordinance.

Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, to adopt LMC Emergency Ordinance No. 2011-2, thereby allowing the City of Le Center to subcontract with an "Electric Inspector" to perform inspections during the state shutdown; with public hearing to follow at the August council meeting; ordinance would sunset with settling of state budget shutdown. Approved unanimously.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief June report: Sales were \$70,236: up \$7300 from May, and up \$23.00 from June 2010. Nelson also reported: Off-sale is up big-time/ entire year is going better than 2010/ Hillbilly Fest planned by Muni staff is set for Sat. Aug. 6th starting at 1:00 pm to close.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of June: 178 calls/ 2,775 miles patrolled. Pfarr also reported: calls down 1%, miles down 5%, & half year comparisons roughly the same as 2010. Submitted \$5,651 to POST Board.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- 1) Lead & Copper sampling starting- 10 homes will be tested this year as part of the state program/ done every three years @ the same list of homes.
- ❖ Parks- completed wood chips & pea rock around playgrounds/ West Park lights will be replaced under warranty/ West Park gravel road has been dust controlled.
- ❖ Streets- many blvd. stumps around city ground out & filled after years/ should finish this week the chipping of branches from the storm damage.
- ❖ Wastewater- bid of \$39,500 to sandblast & re-paint the main lift-station at the plant. (\$30,000 was budgeted). Council agreed: yes do the project now.

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

- 1) 2010-11 USDA Project- USDA ready to meet with us/ Council decide on meeting date. City has gone from an approx. 45% grant down to a 25% grant on the project.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- grass seeding has been done; contractor responsible for 30 days/ all bituminous work will be done this week.

G) Pool Report- Director Dorothy Dinwiddie reported: June deposits were \$22,338 plus \$1190 from Cleveland/ went thru the swim lesson form, season pass form, and daily admission sheet/ mostly minor repairs done so far. Need to budget for next year: new umbrellas, two new toilets, and re-certification of life guards. No parking for the public behind the pool- tickets will be given.

H) Fair Association- Nancy Stauff reported: still a water problem with the horse arena/ turning the horse show into more of a game competition to attract more participants.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen was present to give an overview of the state budget impasse that has led to a state government shut-down in St. Paul as of July 1st.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Wetzel, to approve the new farm land lease agreement renewal thru 2019 with Peter Thelemann. Tiling work to be done by Thelemann in fall 2011 or spring 2012. Approved unanimously.

B) No quote yet from Katolight Corp. to re-wire generator. No action taken.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Mayor Wetzel & Councilman Squires appointed to meet with Le Sueur County to discuss the possible take-back by the city of some county-state aid roads within the city. Two blocks of North Park and three blocks of North Maple will be discussed.

B) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires, to accept low bid of \$15,692.70 by AsTech Corp. to seal-coat several streets in city. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

A) Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Squires, to accept the official 2010 US Census Counts from the US Census Bureau. (pop. 2499) Approved unanimously.

B) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Collins, to adopt Resolution No. 2011B, thereby approving US Cable request to assign their cable franchise agreement over to Midcontinent Communications by Sept. 30. Approved unanimously.

C) Discussion on possibly changing the ordinance that allows semi-trucks to park in residential neighborhoods. After much discussion, and varying opinions from the Council; they decided to lay over further discussion until the August meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:45 pm.