

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 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 July 12, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council changes to proposed Agenda: ADD: ADMIN. D) Shingle old fire meeting room? (and) NEW B) Street striping around high school.

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

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

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Terry Stoering request to purchase city Lot 2 of Block 1 in Industrial Park and erect a building to be used as his semi-truck shop/ P & Z may need to approve that "use" in an I-1 Zone by public hearing/ P & Z must also approve the building materials. EDA Board had recommended selling Stoering the lot for \$15,000 price plus he also pays the assessments left on the lot.

Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, to sell the lot to Stoering for \$15,000 plus paid assessments pending approval by Planning & Zoning. Approved unanimous.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block discussed what Mr. Stoering will need to have approved by the P & Z Committee: 1) "Use" in I-1 Zone and 2) building construction materials. P & Z will have one public hearing to consider these two items. A few rental inspections still left/ next warning letter will come from Attorney Moran.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief July report: Sales were \$74,726: up \$4500 from June, and up \$1200 from July 2010. Nelson also reported: Hillbilly Fest was a barely break-even event; great effort by Frank & Brad/ new water heater installed (leaking)/ may need new door for Off-Sale/ one apt. may go empty/ need new electrical in front apt. (still screw-in fuses) Get price first.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of July: 120 calls/ 3,175 miles patrolled. Pfarr also reported: calls up 1% - miles down 2% for year. Pfarr suggested budget \$10,000 for our "user fee" portion of the ARMER system.

- 1) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Collins, to approve the new "Check Diversion Program" agreement as recommended by Attorney Moran. Approved unanimous.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- ❖ Water- lead & copper testing done.
- ❖ Parks- baseball field will be getting a major overhaul of sod cutting & redrock fill.
- ❖ Streets- over 100 hrs. of chipping branches done after the storm/ sealcoating is done for Wood's Edge Subdivision. and Commerce Drive.
- ❖ Wastewater- old Norris Bldg. roof drains still draining water into sanitary sewer; Deb Claffey has purchased building and will remove them into the storm sewer.

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

- 1) 2010-11 USDA Project- USDA ready to meet with us- still cannot connect on a meeting with most council able to be present/ try for Sept. 13 @ 5:00 pm ish.
- 2) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- six carriage walks yet to put in/ street signs waiting for brackets/ striping will be the last to be done/ grass seeding will be done over.

G) Pool Report- Director Dorothy Dinwiddie not present/ Administrator Collins reported: July deposits were \$10,780 for YTD total of \$33,118.25. Collins also mentioned that no gas bill had been received yet to give a meaningful profit vs. expense report.

H) Fair Association- Nancy Stauff appeared: requested to have helicopter rides land on baseball field- Yes, in the outfield only/ requested to have buggy rides up thru the city easement near the water-tower in Woods Edge Subd.- Atty. Moran & Admin. Collins check into this/ Council agreed No overnight parking in the leased "city parking lot" at south end of fairgrounds & check with county attorney to have equipment removed.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, to adopt Resolution No. 2011E and Resolution No. 2011F, thereby approving the removal of Co. Rd. #38 (Maple Ave.) & Co. Rd. #40 (Park Ave.) from the County-State Aide Highway designation list. City of Le Center will “take back” ownership of those two roads. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Collins, to approve the 2011 County- City Municipal Hwy Maintenance Agreement for \$17,076.72. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Squires, Seconded by Emmers, to adopt Resolution No. 2011D, thereby approving the addition of P/T police Ryan M. Overn to PERA. Approved unanimous.
- B) Motion by Collins, Seconded by Emmers, for city employees to paint all crosswalks striping for the high school area and Hwy 99 before the fair. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Admin. Collins noted the final LGA to be received from the State= \$708,459.
- B) Mayor announced the future budget discussion dates of Sep.13, Oct.11, Nov.8, Dec.13.
- C) Ordinance concerning semi-truck parking: no action taken/ staff enforce the ordinances as written/ P & Z review the ordinance in it’s entirety.
- D) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Squires, to allow Emergency Management to re-shingle the old fire meeting room/ City pay \$740+ for the shingles. Approved unan.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Squires, Seconded by Fredrickson, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:10 pm.