

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011 - 7:00 PM**

**\*\* MINUTES \*\***

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Mayor Wetzel, Bob Emmers, Brad Collins, Josh Fredrickson  
Absent: Jason Squires

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Collins, notes from September 13, 2011 Workshop Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Fredrickson, minutes from September 13, 2011 Regular Council 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 Emmers, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Hayden stated no meetings/ LJP building is for sale 10,000 sq. ft.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Corey Block reported:

- 1) P & Z approved the Terry Stoering Conditional Use Permit request at the Sept. 29 public hearing. Request was for a truck shop/truck storage/ truck service building in the Industrial Park I-1 District. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Wetzel, to approve the Stoering C.U.P. as recommended by P & Z. Approved unanimously.
- 2) Block explained the building façade the Stoerings had proposed; and some of the changes P & Z had recommended. P & Z would make final approval at later date.
- 3) Block reported that the P & Z Board had again reviewed the “no street level apts.” ordinance in the B-3 downtown business district; again recommended leave as is.
- 4) Block reported that the P & Z Board had reviewed the “no semi-truck parking in residential areas” ordinance; after many scenarios, they recommended leave as is.

## C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief September report: Sales were \$67,561: down \$4100 from August; and up \$570 from Sept. 2010. Nelson also reported: Thurs. night poker will start Nov. 3/ Sundays open for NFL football has been slow/ only ½ the teams for darts & pool league this year- very slow/ wine & beer tasting fund-raiser for Post Prom Party set for November 17 @ 6:30 – 9:00 pm.

1) Discussion on new F/T hire: final decisions will be made at November meeting.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of Sept.: 203 calls/ 2,704 miles patrolled. Pfarr also reported: Homecoming generated some 50 calls and 14 complaints/ thefts in the city are creeping up again.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Superintendent Curt Roemhildt gave his monthly report:

- ❖ Water- 1) Letter from MDH- lead & copper sampling tested out to “Good”/ flushing of hydrants around city is done.
- ❖ Streets- putting cold-mix down later in week/ leaf pick-up Oct.31, Nov.7, Nov.14.
- ❖ Wastewater- main lift-station at WWTP is under major scheduled repairs/ generator at city hall is up and running after much repair work done by our own city crew.

## F) Bolton &amp; Menk Engineering (Joel Hawbaker, Engineer)

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- Engineer Hawbaker reported the county engineer is considering having the general contractor “grind” out the humps in the concrete street along West Minnesota Ave./ streetlight “backs” issue for lights shining out the back towards the houses. Committee set to work on assessment roll: Mayor Wetzel, Councilman Collins, Administrator Collins, Engineer Hawbaker.
- 2) After some funding discussion: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Wetzel, YES- Bolton & Menk do the street survey for Lexington Ave. from Hwy 99 all the way north to Bowler Street/ Bowler Street east over to Cordova Ave./ and Park Ave., Waterville Ave., & Montgomery Ave. north of Bowler Street in anticipation of a 2012 street reconstruct project. Approved unanimously.

G) Fair Association- Nancy Stauff reported: fair assoc. looking for a way to get the semi-truck parking area cleaned up and back to an “overnight parking” area only. Council agreed the parking was meant to be overnight only. Council agreed the fair assoc. should take any necessary means to keep it that way/ see what actions the fair board wants to take to achieve this/ keep working together with city staff on the issue.

**V. PUBLIC FORUM** *(Including budget and/or levy comments)*

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

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) AT&T request to “de-commission” one water-tower site antenna/ leave only the building to the city: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmers, to table the issue for now/ have Attorney Moran seek \$ compensation. Approved unanimously.
- B) Being that no money was budgeted towards opening the skating rink this winter: Motion by Collins, Seconded by Emmers, yes open the skating rink this winter. Approved unanimously. (Note: this in response by many citizens to open rink)
- C) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Collins, to adopt Resolution No. 2011I, thereby accepting a \$1,000 donation from Le Center Community Club specifically towards the opening of the skating rink this winter. Approved unanimously.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Request by AT&T (work to be done by Frontier) for a R.O.W. permit and easement to bury/bore fiber-optic line from Minnesota Street south along Lexington Ave./ then along Hwy 99 to the city Welcome sign/ then city easement to the water-tower. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Collins, to approve the R.O.W. permit and easement; provided Frontier will supply the City with the legal description and pay recording fee's for easement to be recorded. Approved unanimously.
- B) Administrator Collins read a letter of resignation from Councilman Jason Squires, due to his moving out of the city limits. Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Collins, to accept Jason Squires resignation. Approved unanimously. Many thanks go out from council and staff to Mr. Squires for his dedicated time on the city council.
- C) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Wetzel, to declare a vacancy on the open city council seat. Approved unanimously.
- D) Discussion on appointing a new councilmember to the vacant position or leave spot open until next election. Decide at Nov. meeting whether to appoint and whom.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Discussion on private swimming pools- request credit for sewer not used: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Wetzel, do not credit pools, irrigation systems, etc. for sewer services not used/ too hard to keep the books straight. Approved unanimously.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Collins, Seconded by Emmers, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:05 pm.