

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012 - 7:00 PM**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Mayor Wetzel, Josh Fredrickson, Bob Emmers, Emmett Krenik  
Absent: Brad Collins

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmers, Minutes from December 13, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Fredrickson, Minutes from December 13, 2011 Contested Assessment Hearing be approved. Approved 3-0, Emmers abstained.
- C) Council changes to Agenda: Add: OLD BUS. B) County Recycling Agreement

**III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

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

A) E.D.A. Report

- 1) Director Hayden spoke of the public hearing held earlier concerning LJP Mfg. request and approval to de-certify & terminate their JOBZ Agreement with the City.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block reported the Variance paperwork from last month's request (Rodney Schramm, 225 So. Lexington Ave.) is completed.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave a brief December report: Sales were \$80,256.00: up \$16,700 from Nov.'11 and up \$2,500 from Dec.'10. Nelson also reported: state liquor assoc. boot camp for he and new employee Brad Collins/ Collins already working the computer system/ new computer will be purchased to run the P.O.S. register system we already own/ plans for an outside back patio/ Mgr. M. Nelson will take over the ordering of liquor from Jan Nelson immediately.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of December: 116 calls/ 3,006 miles patrolled. Pfarr gave Year-End report: calls (1569) were down 3.3% while miles patrolled (33,839) were up 1.5%. Also gave “type of call” comparison report.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt gave the monthly reports:

- ❖ Refuse- year-end report for recycling, garbage, & leaves.
- ❖ Sewer- more sewer mains being cleaned & roots cut providing much info & numbers on their condition. Next: Montgomery Ave. from Minnesota south to Hwy 99.
- ❖ Streets- little snowplowing, but going well.
- ❖ Parks- no skating rink due to 40 degree weather.

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

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street & Waterville Ave. Project- working on final punch-list. Council generally agreed: yes certify the current assessment roll as is.
- 2) 2012 Lexington Ave. Project- Engineer Hawbaker reported the surveyors were just finishing up some things so as to “stop” the project at a good spot for the future.

**V. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A) As generally agreed upon at the Public Hearing held earlier that evening for the “Pawnbroker’s Ordinance & Application”- Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Emmers, to table the issue and allow Atty Moran to work with the concerned dealers to tweak the ordinance to better fit Le Center businesses. Approved unanimously.
- B) 2012 Le Sueur County Recycling Agreement: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Krenik, to approve the agreement (no changes from 2011). Approved unanimously.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmers, to accept the letter of resignation from Councilman Brad Collins as of January 1<sup>st</sup>; who had been hired as F/T liquor employee. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Krenik, to declare a council vacancy and leave the spot open until the next city election in November to save money. Approved unanimously.

**VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.**

- A) County was “possibly” assessing empty commercial buildings as residential. City would not be in favor of this. Information sought from the county by the city attorney was not yet received. With no information; no action taken.
  
- B) 2012 Mayoral Appointments list: After amending to divide up former Councilman Collins’ appointments; Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve the 2012 Mayoral Appointment list. Approved unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmers, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:35 pm.

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