

PUBLIC HEARING

LE CENTER CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 @ 6:00 PM at City Hall

**TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PAWNBROKERS,
SECONDHAND GOODS, & PRECIOUS METAL DEALERS**

- OFFICIAL MINUTES -

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Wetzel, Bob Emmers, Emmett Krenik, Josh Fredrickson

Absent: Brad Collins

Staff: Administrator Collins, Attorney Moran

II. REPORT AND PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Moran explained where he came up with the ordinance, why he did, and how it may be enforced. Moran explained how the County had asked the City to consider adopting such an ordinance. He suggested a possible fee amount of \$25 to businesses.

III. TESTIMONY FROM CONCERNED CITIZENS

There were several questions from concerned business owners. Sharon Traxler from St. Mary's Thrift Store spoke of the extra record keeping that would be required to be done by the volunteers who work there. That could be problematic.

Greg O'Donnell from Park Avenue Gallery echoed the same thoughts that the record keeping and picture taking would really be a burden to his business.

IV. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION & ACTION

After discussion; Council generally agreed to maybe exempt non-profit thrift stores from the new ordinance and have city attorney & business owners meet and work to tweak the ordinance to make it work better for small businesses affected by it.

V. CLOSE HEARING

There being no further discussion or business, Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmers, for Mayor Wetzel to close the public hearing. Approved unanimously.