

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012 - 7:00 PM**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Krenik, Minutes from January 10, 2012 Public Hearing #1 (Pawnbroker's) be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Emmers, Minutes from January 10, 2012 Public Hearing #2 (JOBZ – LJP) be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Fredrickson , Seconded by Emmers, Minutes from January 10, 2012 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- D) Council changes to Agenda: None

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

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

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

A) E.D.A. Report

- 1) Fiberglass Fabricator's unpaid loan payment from 10/01/11 - Director Hayden spoke of the troubles Fiberglass was having just to stay open. He presented a \$1,000 check from them to help towards the loan. Some discussion on whether to pursue it through the court system as before. Motion by Wetzel: Fiberglass be current with a \$3,000 payment by June 1, or City will sue it out in court again. No second; motion dies for lack of second. Council will address again on June 1, 2012 when next payment is due.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block reported: no meetings, no report.

## C) Municipal Liquor Store

On-Sale Mgr. Mike Nelson gave the January report: Sales were \$55,193.00: down \$25,000 from Dec.'11 and down \$9,400 from Jan.'11. Nelson also reported: football Sunday's have been poor/ new employee Collins and Mgr. Nelson to attend state liquor boot camp to learn more about P.O.S. register system/ wants to start planning the outdoor back patio/ winter sales have been poor/ this is customer appreciation week at the Municipal with specials all week and liver feed Saturday.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of January: 71 calls/ 2,459 miles patrolled. Pfarr also reported: we updated the Xpediter office computer software program.

- 1) Consider a new police vehicle lease/purchase now: state bid price is \$27,048.36 thru Factor Motors for a 2013 Ford Taurus. After much discussion; Council generally agreed they would like to hold off until November and re-bid the vehicle for the 2013 budget year.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt gave the monthly reports:

- ❖ Streets- Sewer-Water- Refuse: with virtually no snow; not much going on.

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

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street & Waterville Ave. Project- half (½) the results are back on the testing of the concrete street smoothness; full report at next month's meeting.
- 2) 2012 Lexington Ave. Project- Mayor Wetzel announced the Lexington Avenue street project was dead in 2012 for sure.

**V. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A) Pawnbroker's **Ordinance 2012-1** w/ application: Attorney Moran explained his changes to the original version after meeting with concerned business owners. Public Hearing was held January 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmers, to approve the Pawnbroker's Ordinance as amended. Approved unanimously. Ordinance becomes in force upon publication in official newspaper.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Le Sueur County SWCD letter requesting to install five parking spots along the west side of their building on corner of Minnesota Street and South Kilkenny Avenue. Reason for the request: their lease agreement with USDA requires 24 “on-site” parking spaces be available for staff and customers. Currently, the parking spaces total less than that; and they need additional spaces to ensure USDA will continue to lease space from them (Le Sueur County SWCD). After some discussion: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmers, to “table” the issue until staff can gather more information. Admin. Collins, P.W. Supt. Roemhildt, Bldg. Official Block consult the zoning and parking ordinances to report back next month. Approved unanimously.
- B) New pool access requirements: Informational only.
- C) Ideas to spur growth in the community: EDA Director Hayden will contact a business and residential specialist in the area to come to a future meeting/ Bldg. Official Block reported on several ideas used in other communities/ forgiving WAC & SAC fees was discussed. All council and staff take a month to think about new ideas to consider.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Le Sueur County Officials “group organizational meeting” to be held Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery. Mayor Wetzel, Krenik, & Collins will attend.
- B) Approve warrant Resolution allowing for the issue of certificates of indebtedness in anticipation of taxes levied, but not yet collected for \$236,487.52. Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve the resolution. Approved unanimously.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

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