

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012 - 7:00 PM**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Motion by Krenik , Seconded by Emmers, Minutes from May 15, 2012  
Public Hearing be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Emmers , Seconded by Krenik, Minutes from May 15, 2012  
Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Council changes to Agenda: No Fair report. Move up: Police check presentation

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

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

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Administrator Collins gave the report: the individual looking to start a business  
here in the Industrial Park is deciding between the city lots west of Shetka-Works  
or the LJP Building/ their contractor is weighing the costs. The prospective new  
business considering Lot 2 next to motel is still seeking a contract from the company.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block reported: meeting of P & Z for retaining wall consideration  
to be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm/ neighbor's notified.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the May report: Sales were \$71,399: up \$9,300 from April  
and up \$8,400 from May '11. Nelson also reported: using the Elmer's Building now  
for some storage of product/ Back Alley Bash is set for Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of May: 128 calls/ 2,632 miles patrolled. Pfarr also reported: calls are way up for June. Mark Novak of CenterPoint Energy presented Mayor Wetzel with a grant check for \$2,500 to go towards the purchase of ARMER 800 mhz radios for the police dept.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt gave the monthly reports:

- ❖ Parks- are all open/ vandalism already at several of them.
- ❖ Pool- is opened on time and everything is going well.
- ❖ Sewer- 2004 Street Project sewers will be cleaned this summer/ should go fast.
- ❖ Trees- are now all planted along Minnesota Street project.
- ❖ Water- MPCA is asking city to produce well-sealing records from the 1970's concerning the old creamery that was located on corner of Minnesota & Kilkenny.

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

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street & Waterville Ave. Project- Engineer Hawbaker reported he sent correspondence to Max Johnson Trucking for more information on the status of the backwards wye and temporary services still attached. When we receive info back; city can decide the best course of action to take/ And: get the punchlist items going.
- 2) 500 Block of North Park Avenue- received three bids back on project to repair the North Park Avenue street. Low bidder WW Blacktop (\$18,329.85) still has some unsatisfactory issues to clear up from the 2010 Minnesota Street project. Therefore; Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Wetzel, to award the bid to 2<sup>nd</sup> low bidder M & W Blacktop for \$20,645.00. Approved by 3-1 vote; Krenik voting No.

## G) Pool

Director Dorothy Dinwiddie reported: took in \$24,029 in fees for seven days open/ can we paint the crosswalks on Hwy 99? kids are not using them/ city staff power-washed the outside of the pool, job well done/ Kelly Pfarr is the new manager/ problem with "families" bringing in 6-8-10 kids under one family season pass. What can we do? Council suggested no more than six kids per family/ two swim meets are scheduled to be held at the pool in June & July with the girl scouts from several cities participating/ County inspection of the pool will be done next Thursday/ should consider painting the pool floor with epoxy paint in the fall, instead of next spring for a better job/ baby pool problem: little kids are roaming into the big pool because parents aren't watching them and the gate won't shut properly between the two pools/ are we liable for accidents in the baby pool even with a "No Lifeguard on Duty" sign? Pool wages: at least five WSI instructors are stuck at \$8.50 per hour for four years now and could really use a raise. Pool Committee will consider baby pool issues and lifeguard wages issue at a meeting.

H) Fair Assn.- No report.

## V. PUBLIC FORUM

Real estate agent Mike Nelson spoke: he and his client really appreciate the city arranging for JetterClean to come televise their house and settle that sewer issue satisfactorily.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Wetzel noted the formal letter written by City Attorney Moran denying sewer line liability sent to 335 East Sharon Street.
- B) Mayor Wetzel read the city-wide junk drop-off notice being held Friday, June 15 & Saturday, June 16 near the city shop; and the volunteer sign up sheet.
- C) Attorney Moran provided a brief update on the two properties flooded back in May. The LMC Insurance Trust is negotiating with the properties and we have little information.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) After much discussion on the meaning of “public use”- Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Krenik, to adopt Resolution No. 2012E, thereby approving the four listed properties for public auction by the county. Approved unanimously.
- B) Administrator Collins presented some Housing Incentives to spur growth in the city. After much discussion, Council generally agreed to the following incentives: rebate program for \$2500 WAC & SAC fees/ program good until July 1, 2013/ pay to the homeowner, not the builder/ City collect the money on building permit; pay back out of EDA funds/ pass by resolution.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Wetzel noted the next Le Sueur County Officials Assn. group meeting: Thursday, June 28 at 6:30 pm at Le Sueur Country Club. RSVP to Admin. Collins.
- B) Collins inquired whether the Council thought it was worth-while to consider a formal challenge to the State Demographer’s Office population estimate of 2,506?? Council generally agreed it would not be worth our time and money to fight the estimate.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Fredrickson, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:35 pm.