

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

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Emmers , Seconded by Fredrickson, Minutes from July 10, 2012 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Fredrickson , Seconded by Emmers, Notes from July 31, 2012 Workshop Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) 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

Director Hayden reported: No meetings/ no report.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block reported: No meetings/ the approved retaining wall is installed.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the July report: Sales were \$74,324: down \$2,600 from June and down \$400 from July '11. Nelson also reported: all three apartments are fully rented- now we will at least break even on the Elmer's Building. Discussion: Yes- Nelson does inspect each apartment before we give the damage deposit back.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of July: 140 calls/ 2,805 miles patrolled. Discussion on Police Dept. budget.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt gave the monthly reports:

- ❖ Streets- North Park Avenue is over-layed by M & W Blacktop.
 - ❖ Sewer- ¼ of city is done for sewer cleaning/ Cordova Ave. and eastward.
 - ❖ Parks- 1985 Cushman purchased for \$5,000 in 2000: replace engine for \$2,000-\$3,000 by staff vs. \$12,000-\$14,000 to replace entire unit? Staff replace engine. Football field will be made ready as usual for B & C Squad games here. New seasonal hire Phil Campbell has done an excellent job this summer with fields. Time to sign a new field maintenance agreement with school for field use.
- 1) Sewer & Water chemical spreadsheets show an increase in the amount of chemicals used in 2012 vs. 2011. Flows are up at WWTP and WTP and will cost us more. De-chlorination will be set up by Nov. 2013 at an est. cost of \$16,000. This is set by State of Minnesota regulations. Water treatment plant membranes are wearing out. Previous councils had decided to run them until they die and then replace them.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering (Joel Hawbaker, Engineer)

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street & Waterville Ave. Project- Engineer Hawbaker reported that punch-list items will be done with-in a week according to the general contractor.

G) Pool

Director Dorothy Dinwiddie reported: total sales so far \$42,153/ last year's total was only \$33,118 to date. Reviewed 2012 Revenues & Expenses (thru July) sheet.

- H) Fair Assn.- Nancy Stauff reported: Last details being made/ inquired about possible raffle for winner to drive van in demo derby- council recommended contact State of Minnesota Gambling Control Board for any raffle licensing.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve the additional Election Judges (Kathy Schloesser, Jeanine Crowe, Jeanne Connolly, Patti Germscheid) for the primary election. Approved unanimously.
- B) Administrator Collins presented the final report on the city-wide junk clean-up showing a total net cost of \$2,339.92.
- C) Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve the bid for \$14,975.00 by Nieman Roofing to do city hall roof repairs. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) As part of the Truth in Taxation- Mayor Wetzel announced the 2013 Budget & Levy discussion dates: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 at 7:00 pm. Each of these dates will have open comment periods for the general public.
- B) Administrator Collins presented to council the 2012 - 1st half budget numbers/ for setting the 2013 budget later. Council set a Tuesday, Aug. 28 @ 6:30 pm budget workshop meeting. All department heads try to have their employee evaluations done by then.
- C) Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Emmers, to approve the 2012 Le Sueur County Highway Maintenance Agreement for \$13,743.91. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Administrator Collins noted the “Notice of Filing” for Le Center city offices was still open from July 31 to Aug. 14. No one has filed yet.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

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