

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ** (Amended)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Emmers , Seconded by Krenik, Minutes from August 7, 2012 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Fredrickson , Seconded by Emmers, Notes from August 29, 2012 Budget 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 Emmers, Seconded by Krenik, 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/ business still trying to relocate here on-going.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block reported: No meetings/ no report.

- 1) Guardian Inn Motel zoning issue: City Attorney Moran gave an explanation as to how we arrived where we're at. Guardian Inn had started housing SPMI patients into the motel; sent by Le Sueur County Dept. of Human Services. Currently three were residing there. The City was contending that possibly the motel was NOT properly zoned for that type of activity. It was county law enforcement officials who had notified the city police of the activity. The Council had requested G.I. owners attend the council meeting to explain their intentions.

Owner Jean Fast represented the Guardian Inn. She read a letter as to how & why the G.I. had chosen this direction. She stated, "Activity was ok with the county/ no complaints from clients or other customers so far/ clients are not residents there/ county licensed them for up to 10 clients/ could be clients from other counties/ three clients currently staying there now/ each client has a case manager to contact."

Building & Zoning Official Corey Block read from state statues and the city zoning code book definitions addressing the situation. He stated, "Changing the zoning of that property from B-2 to R-3 would not be legally possible/ a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit application should be the direction taken."

After much discussion and testimony; Council generally agreed that Guardian Inn should apply for a C.U.P. with a public hearing on the matter.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the August report: Sales were \$76,641: up \$2,300 from July and up \$4,900 from August '11. Nelson also reported: YTD revenues were up by \$10,000/ but YTD expenses were up by \$19,000 due to the extra F/T employee.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of August: 105 calls/ 2,890 miles patrolled. Pfarr also reported: calls were down 14%, miles were down 6%. Fair was unusually quiet this year/ use of force & firearms qualifications was completed.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt gave the monthly reports:

- ❖ Water- should consider pulling of Well #1 for maintenance starting this fall.
- ❖ Streets- boulevard tree-trimming by the maintenance crew was on-going. Price quote of \$4500.00 was given for blacktop replacement of a hole behind the Medical Clinic Building. Council generally agreed: No- do it ourselves.

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

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street & Waterville Ave. Project- Administrator Collins read notes provided by engineer regarding punch-list items pertaining to: concrete replacement/ sanitary sewer service problems/ bituminous patching/ & general punch-list items.

G) Pool

Don Hayden reported: total sales for 2012= \$45,329.75/ last year's total was only \$36,017.00. Reviewed revised Final 2012 Revenues & Expenses sheet showing a loss for the year of approx. (\$17,872.51); compared to loss of \$25,570.52 in 2011.

H) Fair Assn.- Nancy Stauff reported: A big "Thank You" to the city for all our help/ Fair went really well/ good attendance for both the rodeo and the demo derby.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Robert Leary spoke of how all the cities in the county should consider hiring one E.D.A. director to represent the entire Le Sueur County. Councilman Krenik reported that a newly formed coalition of county entities had indeed discussed that idea.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Girl Scouts request for equipment for their “Centennial Day of Service” on Oct. 13th. Council generally agreed: supply gloves, some shovels, garbage bags, etc. to help them clean up the city storm sewers and parks that day/ city workers will pick up the bags.
- B) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve the request by AT&T to amend their water-tower cell lease agreement rent amount to \$1300 per month for a 60 month guarantee with an 8% increase after each five year term forward. Approved unanimous.
- C) Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Emmers, to approve the city/school field lease agreement for \$2,000.00 for July 1 – December 31, 2012. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Approve proposed preliminary 2013 Net Tax Levy: Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Emmers, to approve an 8.55% net tax levy increase for 2013. Approved unanimously. This would be the highest the council could increase the levy/ decided in December.
- B) Approve proposed preliminary 2013 Total Budget: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Krenik, to approve a total budget of \$3,237,250 for 2013. Approved unanimously. This would be the highest the council could increase the budget/ decided in December.
- C) Mayor Wetzel announced the “Public Comment Meeting” for Tues., Dec. 11 @ 7:00 pm.
- D) Administrator Collins announced the time, place, phone #, & address to call or mail public comments on the levy or budget for 2013. Administrator Chris L. Collins, 10 West Tyrone Street, Le Center MN, 56057, 507-357-4450 (8 AM to 4:30 PM)

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Krenik, to approve Warrant Resolution for amount of \$189,434.50 paid by 12-31-12. Approved unanimously. A warrant is funded by anticipated revenues of the city, not yet received.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Krenik, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:30 pm.

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