

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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 Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmers, Minutes from September 11, 2012 Regular Council Meeting be approved, *as amended*. Approved unanimously.

B) 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: LJP bldg. may be sold to company that hopes to start-up in Le Center/ EDA meeting concerning this coming soon. \$1,000 check from Fiberglass.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block reported: Rental licenses renew in January 2013; so inspections will start again then. May be a C.U.P. hearing for a "moved-in" house coming soon.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the September report: Sales were \$66,697: down \$9,900 from August, and down \$900 from Sept. '11. Nelson also reported: YTD profits were down by \$40,000 due mostly to the extra F/T employee and more inventory on hand/ four dart teams, no pool teams/ two wine-tasting fundraisers coming up.

1) Council noted the retirement of liquor store employee Jan M. Nelson after 31 years of dedicated service to the city. Her official retirement occurs on November 1st.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of September: 113 calls/ 2,378 miles patrolled. Pfarr also reported: calls were down 19%, miles were down 6%.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt gave the monthly reports:

- ❖ Parks- all parks closing this week/ city staff installed new motor, starter, & clutch into Cushman field groomer; thereby saving the city thousands of dollars.
- ❖ Streets- leaf pick-up dates: Oct. 29, Nov. 5, & Nov. 13. Plus remember the composting drop-off site on Ottawa Street below the shop area.
- ❖ Wastewater Plant- this week hauling the bio-solids from the plant to spread on the city field nearby/ will take approx 4 hours using city staff, city trucks, & loader. By-Pass report sent to MPCA/ explained how required by-passes are being eliminated and gave a “why we do it” explanation.
- ❖ Water- Well #1 is pulled for maintenance & checking for possible upgrade to a submersible pump for approx \$35,000/ cost is \$10,000 if put back the same. Problem: lack of electrical power source to feed the new submersible pump.

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

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street & Waterville Ave. Project- Engineer Hawbaker reported the punch-list items are being completed/ bituminous side-streets will be re-done this fall when there is blacktop in town/ sewer repairs and televising will be done in November/ **everything should be done this fall.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Budget & Levy comments or questions from the general public- None.

Nancy Peterson, Manager of Horizon Place Assisted Living, presented a letter and spoke of her concerns regarding the Guardian Inn Motel placing SPMI clients in the motel. Sharon Traxler, resident & neighbor near the motel, spoke of her concerns regarding the supervision of SPMI clients being placed there.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Wetzel announced the final budget “Public Comment Meeting” for Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm at city hall.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Fredrickson, to approve the election judge list for the November 6th General Election. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Administrator Collins reminded the deadline for voting pre-registration was Oct. 16th.
- B) 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)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Krenik, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:28 pm.

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