

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 - 7:00 PM**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Krenik, Minutes from October 9, 2012 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmers, Minutes from October 16, 2012 Special Closed Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Fredrickson, Minutes from October 31, 2012 Emergency Closed Meeting be approved. Approved 3-0 (Emmers abstained).
- 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 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: Sat. November 24 is Holly Dazzle Parade/ special thanks to Kathy Huber & gang for putting up the Christmas lights in the courthouse park.

- 1) Note letter from North Park Chiropractic explaining his decision to regrettably close his office at the medical building. Council decided to hold off on advertising for new tenant until discussing space needs with Rivers Edge Clinic.

## B) P &amp; Z Report

Building Official Block reported:

- 1) Consider a Conditional Use Permit for Jenny & Antonio Figueroa @ 377 North Cordova Avenue. They hoped to “move in” an existing house onto the bare lot there. Neighbor Jill Srnec spoke on the terrible condition of the lot; could the council put in additional conditions stipulating the trees & shrubs must be cut down on the property? Prospective owner Jenny Figueroa assured the council they would clean up the lot as they moved in the house. Council agreed this was reasonable. Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Emmers, to grant the Figueroa’s the C.U.P. as recommended by P & Z including the following conditions: 1) All building codes must be followed and a foundation plan is required. 2) All R-1 Zoning Requirements must be adhered to including: setbacks, height, landscaping, parking, hard surface driveway, seeded or sodded lot, and other general zoning regulations from the zoning ordinance. 3) Provide the city with an “Irrevocable Letter of Credit” in the amount of \$16,000 as set by the council. C.U.P. with conditions approved unanimously.
- 2) Note: Public Hearing set for Nov. 27 at 7:00 pm for Guardian Inn- to consider C.U.P.

## C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the October report: Sales were \$69,510: up \$2,800 from September, and down \$80 from Oct. '11. Nelson also reported: YTD sales were up by \$12,000 and expenses were down by \$6,000/ Elmer’s bldg. fully rented/ darts & poker have started/ wine tasting at Legion went very well. Asst. Manager Brad Collins gave an explanation about the T.R.S. system: accurate inventory system/ save staff time on bookkeeping/ more accurate On-sale vs. Off-sale stocking/ all three cash registers will talk to each other concerning inventory. Total Cost= \$12,000 for hardware, software, & training. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmers, to purchase in December. Approved unanimously.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of October: 104 calls/ 2,438 miles patrolled. Pfarr also reported: calls were down 19%, miles were down 8%. ARMER 800 Radios arriving this week; training will be Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> / SUV squad was involved in deer collision damaged \$8,900 vehicle & \$1,600 equipment= \$10,500 est.

- 1) New police car quote \$27,263.24. Yes- will use drug forfeiture money to outfit the new car. Motion by Wetzel, Seconded by Fredrickson, to lease/purchase the new police car in December. Approved by 3-1; Krenik vote No.
- 2) Consider police union agreement. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Krenik, to table this item until a budget workshop meeting. Approved unanimously.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt gave the monthly reports:

- ❖ Refuse- 340 yards of leaves were hauled to landfill this fall.
- ❖ Parks- skating rink: both sides of rink were leveled and compacted by city staff.

- 1) Price quote from Thein Well to improve Well #1: would upgrade to pump @ 800 gal. per minute. Discuss final numbers at a budget workshop meeting.
- 2) Note letter of thanks to City for our phosphorous reduction action. Note letter of thanks from Girl Scouts for participating in their October Centennial Day of Service.

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

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street & Waterville Ave. Project- Roemhildt reported the bituminous side-streets are re-done/ only televising of some sewers left (Dec.).

## V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Wetzel announced the final budget “Public Comment Meeting” for Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm at city hall.
- B) Whitewater Wireless narrow band radios & antenna price quotes: discuss final numbers at budget workshop meeting.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Krenik, Seconded by Emmers, to adopt Resolution No. 2012H, thereby approving and “Canvass” the final election results from the November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election for city offices. Approved unanimously. Elected were: Josh Fredrickson for Mayor, Christian Harmeyer & Gary Meidlinger Jr. for council, and Dennis Woelfel for the special 2-yr. council seat.
- B) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Krenik, to adopt Resolution No. 2012G, thereby approving and accepting the \$100,000 donation to the City of Le Center from the Orelle Bowler Estate as required. Approved unanimously.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Council set budget workshop date for Monday, Nov. 26 at 6:00 pm at city hall.
- 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 Krenik, Seconded by Emmers, for Mayor Wetzel to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:20 pm.