

**** PUBLIC HEARING ****

**CITY OF LE CENTER
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
6:00 PM AT CITY HALL**

**TO CONSIDER A “CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT” APPLICATION FROM
GUARDIAN INN MOTEL ASKING FOR 6 LONG-TERM STAY UNITS**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, B. Emmers, G. Meidlinger, C. Harmeyer, D. Woelfel

Absent: None

Staff: Administrator Collins, Attorney Moran, P & Z Director Corey Block

Others Signed Present: Tom Serie, Karl Pelovsky, Gladys Pelovsky, Nancy Peterson, Gary Meidlinger Sr., Pauline Phillips, Ann Claffey, Jody Baker, Sharon Traxler, Josh Overmohle, Bob Pfarr, Brad Collins, Mike Nelson

II. GUARDIAN INN MOTEL PRESENTATION

Tom Serie, Guardian Inn owner/manager, gave his presentation about why the city should grant this CUP to him: requesting only 6 long-term units vs. 10 previously/ would only house Le Sueur County residents in those rooms/ every resident staying has a zero tolerance policy to stay/ would report every six months to city on the residents/ would help keep the motel a viable business.

III. COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND CONSIDERATION

Attorney Moran and Council asked Mr. Serie about: payments due to the city/ interest rates on loans/ potential customers calling and being told motel was not booking for summer/ county residents only provision/ promotion practices/ future plans of the motel, etc.

IV. CONCERNED CITIZENS TESTIMONY

Jody Baker- she stated long-term stays are already being held there/ alcohol is being consumed on the grounds/ she is the closest to G.I. and the most vulnerable/ she knows for a fact they are not accepting reservations right now/ she has witnessed several court cases go thru the County involving long-term stay residents.

Sharon Traxler- she is very concerned about the long-term stays currently going on and the problems they have created.

Karl Pelovsky (Assisted Living)- they seem to already be breaking the law out there by hosting long-term customers; how could the City grant them a Conditional Use Permit??

Ann Claffey- concerned how will they differentiate between those allowed to use alcohol there, and those who are not?/ where will these people eat?/ knows family who had tried to get rooms there recently with no success.

Nancy Peterson (Assisted Living)- won't new Dollar General Store bring in a lot of business? Is this needed?

Tom Serie- gave his rebuttal to some of the points and questions brought up by the concerned citizens.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion; Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to close the Public Hearing. 6:55 PM