

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, B. Emmers, C. Harmeyer, G. Meidlinger Jr., D. Woelfel
Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, Minutes from March 12, 2013 Public Hearing Meeting be approved . Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Meidlinger, Minutes from March 12, 2013 Regular Council Meeting be approved . Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Woelfel, Notes from March 25, 2013 Workshop Meeting be approved . Approved unanimously.
- D) Council changes to Agenda: ADD: NEW BUSINESS C) Water bill late fee

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

A) E.D.A. Report

- 1) Director Collins gave Dollar General Store update: LaMar Outdoor Advertising will remove the billboard from the property as soon as possible. The Overland Group will then sign the purchase agreement for Lot 4. Council instructed Collins to contact Kubes Realty for update on when Overland will sign & begin building.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block reported: Block informed council the city had no specific ordinance concerning billboards. Council felt leave that “as-is” and will consider requests on a case by case basis. Two potential houses may be moved in: No to water & sewer access fee charges.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the March report: Sales were \$72,063: up \$9300 from February, and down \$280 from Mar. '12. Nelson also reported: TRS System will be up & running by May 1/ better reports produced for council meetings/ nice article in Mankato Free Press showing our profit/ possible purchase new cooler, replace carpet.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of March: 141 calls/ 2,727 miles patrolled. Pfarr reported: calls up 41%, miles down 8%. Severe Weather Week is April 18-24; County is responsible for sounding the emergency sirens. There is NO "All-Clear siren" sounded. Sirens are meant to be heard when outside only.

- 1) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Emmers, to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-1, thereby allowing by statute Le Center Police Dept. to perform "criminal background checks" on applicants for city employment, city licenses, and prospective city tenants/ renters. Approved unanimously. Public Hearing had been held earlier that evening.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt was out sick/ no reports. Street hole patching questions, and the materials used, were directed towards City Engineer Hawbaker.

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

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- Hawbaker reported he was trying to finalize the project with general contractor/ working with resident Gene Lewis to correct some sewer problems in basement of his office building.

Will be taking photos and will study layout of water-tower to decide if there is room for Verizon antennas on tower, as they had requested.

G) Pool

Administrator Collins presented the proposed 2013 Pool fees. After some discussion on the family ticket pricing: Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Emmers, to approve the 2013 Pool Fees sheet as-is. Approved unanimously.

H) Emergency Management Report

Due to a misunderstanding on dates; Emergency Management Director Kevin Huber was not present to give his report. Staff instructed to arrange workshop meeting.

I) Le Sueur County Fair Assn.

Representative Nancy Stauff reported the Fair Assn. had put in a bid to host the 2014 & 2015 Minnesota State Trappers Assn. Convention at the fairgrounds. Their first bid was considered "too high" by the Trappers Assn. and they will be submitting a second bid.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Ron Factor of Le Center Lions gave a big thanks to city staff for removing snow from the West Park area, thereby allowing the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Data Practices Policy- Attorney Moran explained the new policy: required by state statute/ charge a fee for some data/ city staff must make diligent effort to produce the information/ must respond to requester within 10 days. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmer, to adopt the Data Practices Policy for City of Le Center. Approved unanimously. Public Hearing had been heard earlier that evening.
- B) Ehlers Proposal- Collins explained the total cost for three areas of analysis: financial, utilities, and debt study would cost \$18,250.00. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the proposal from Ehlers for three areas. Approved by 4-1 vote, Meidlinger voting No.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Collins explained the 2013 City/School Field Lease Agreement. The new agreement was the same as previous years except for the \$-0- the school would pay to use the city fields; as previously agreed to. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Emmers, to approve the field lease agreement. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Meidlinger, to adopt Resolution No. 2013B, thereby supporting efforts of League of Minnesota Cities to pass legislation that would allow cities another mechanism (Improvement Districts) to fund city street projects and maintenance programs while complying with state statutes. Approved unanimously.
- C) Discuss water & sewer bill late fee charges set by ordinance: Council set public hearing to consider raising charges by ordinance for Tuesday, May 14, 2013 @ 6:30 PM.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted the “Notice of Board of Appeal & Equalization Open Book Meeting” would be held April 16 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at Le Sueur County Assessor’s office.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson noted: Le Sueur County Officials Meeting for Thursday, May 9 at City of Kilkenny at 6:30 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Emmers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:22 pm.