

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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 Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from April 9, 2013 Public Hearing (Background Checks) be approved . Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from April 9, 2013 Public Hearing (Data Practices) be approved . Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Emmers, Minutes from April 9, 2013 Regular Council Meeting be approved . Approved unanimously.
- D) Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, Notes from April 17, 2013 Workshop Meeting be approved . Approved unanimously.
- E) Council changes to Agenda: ADD: NEW BUSINESS C) City-wide cleanup

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, 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 has been notified to remove the billboard from the property. The Overland Group has pushed back construction date to "late August or early Sept." Building Official Block stated he has not yet received any building plans.
- 2) Collins reported that EDA Board had recommended a Revolving Fund Loan for \$35,000 @ 4% interest over 10 years to Christine Cooney Lantinen/ Maud Borup Candy Co. locating in the former ShetkaWorks building. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Woelfel, to offer loan at these stated terms. Approved unanimously. Attorney Moran noted there was no personal guarantee by the applicant; not the best of terms for the city.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block reported: by city ordinance; Dollar General Store façade would have to be approved by the P & Z. He was looking for direction on how soon to call a public hearing. Council stressed to move it along as fast as they could get the plans to us. Block gave explanation of steel roofs on residential homes: allowed vs. not allowed.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the April report: Sales were \$64,908: down \$7100 from March, and up \$2900 from April '12. Nelson also reported: TRS System has been put off until June by them/ request to purchase new \$1500 bar-top cooler/ women's softball team payment of \$300 for league entry/ summer back alley bash set for Sat., July 13th.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of April: 145 calls/ 2,311 miles patrolled. Pfarr reported: calls up 40%, miles down 5%. Several nuisance abatement notices have been sent out; waiting for responses. Council agreed: yes move the passing sign on Hwy 99 and yes add & move a parking sign on Rademacher's corner.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- ❖ Water- there were four water-main breaks in 2012.
- ❖ Parks- are all open; used heavily/ football game at South Park went well.
- ❖ Pool- pumping out the water/ spot patching/ spot painting/ will be ready to go.
- ❖ Sewer- new window added to plant room to help remove the bar-screen.
- ❖ Refuse- lots of leaves dumped off/ lots of chipping of brush on Sat. morning.
- ❖ Streets- fixed sanitary sewer on Cordova Ave. & repaired storm sewer in alley.
Snow hauling cost was \$6,000/ budgeted was \$7,500.00
- ❖ Sirens- north siren was repaired and problem found with low electricity which thus saved the lift station because of it.

- 1) Mill & over-lay bid from M & W for No. Montgomery Ave. was \$25,225.
- 2) Does council still want to sealcoat streets from the 2006 project? \$60,000 was budgeted for it. OR do they want to use the budgeted money from that project to mill & over-lay Bowler St. and No. Montgomery Avenue; that being only a short-term fix?? Council generally agreed: to have Bolton & Menk get bids to mill & over-lay Bowler/Montgomery and bring to meeting.

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

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- Hawbaker reported the project was being closed out/ still working with resident Gene Lewis to correct his sewer problems in basement.
- 2) Assessment Case- Attorney Moran & Administrator Collins updated the council: court was held April 29, 30, & May 1. Moran felt the case went as well as could be expected. He felt the two hired appraisers presented a good case for the city and it was now in the judges hands. No decision for up to 90 days.

3) Verizon antennas on tower: BMI and Verizon concluded there was not enough room on our water tower to place their cell phone antennas. They had requested possibly leasing city land near our tower to erect a 150 ft. monopole to place their antennas. Attorney Moran & Administrator Collins negotiate with Verizon on leasing city land.

4) Letter from Todd & Jane Paulsen requesting to have their (new) cracked driveway apron replaced by the city. Engineer Hawbaker will check to see if it's still under warranty from the 2006 Street Project and report back to council. If still under original warranty; BCM Construction would be responsible for the cost.

G) Pool - Administrator Collins reported the pool was set to open Monday June 3rd.

H) Le Sueur County Fair Assn. - No report.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments, questions, or statements from the general public.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A) 2012 Audit presentation by Joel Stencil of EideBailly Company. See Handout. Mr. Stencil reviewed the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, & Liquor Fund revenues and expenses by fund. General Fund Cash & Equivalents were up \$135,000. Fund Balance was up by \$127,000. 2004 & 2006 Street Projects were in serious debt and needing attention. Mr. Stencil answered several questions by the council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Le Sueur County Administrator Daryl Pettis had approached the city about a possible joint venture in building a new shop. Council agreed to meet with the county and assigned council-members Emmers, Harmeyer, Attorney Moran, Collins, & Roemhildt.

B) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the 2013 Liquor License renewals as listed: 3.2% Beer= Men's Softball League, Braves Baseball, St. Mary's Church Festival, Community Club Fair, County Sheriff's Posse, Sportsmen's Club, Le Center Lanes, DRW Women's Softball, For The Love of Joshua Softball. Club licenses= VFW Post and American Legion Club. Approved unanimously.

C) Discussed city-wide cleanup for 2013: generally agreed No since had one in 2012.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

A) Collins reported "Board of Appeal & Equalization" had no complaints from residents.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Meidlinger, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:52 pm.