

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 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 June 11, 2013
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 Harmeyer, Seconded by Emmers,
to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

- 1) Attorney Moran gave Dollar General Store update: LaMar Outdoor Advertising has not yet removed the billboard from the property. Motion by Woelfel, seconded by Emmers, city attorney send letter to LaMar giving them 10 days to remove the billboard; or city will have it removed and bill them for it. Approved unanimously.

B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block reported: Dollar General really wants to get the closing date set and start moving dirt. They trust the billboard will be coming down; waiting to hear from their attorney to proceed. Plans coming any day/ some staking has been done there. Moved-in house- house is sitting on the lot, but was too wet to put over the hole.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the June report: Sales were \$74,826: up \$5300 from May, and down \$2100 from June '12. Nelson also reported: TRS System has been installed

and staff learning to operate them and putting in stock item info. Had good 4th of July sales/ Back Alley Bash to be held that following Saturday.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of June: 118 calls/ 2,337 miles patrolled. Pfarr reported: calls up 18%, miles down 8%. Pfarr explained his ½ year totals report handed out to council. Post Board reimbursement applied for.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- ☐ Streets- pothole mix is finally starting to take hold.
- ☐ Water- repaired water leak into American Legion on Park Avenue.
- ☐ Sewer- plant handled 2” rainfall without any bypasses or basement back-ups. Lift station failed on south end of town; staff replaced a fuse, saving city lots of money. Water tower failed after a storm; needed to reset default switch.

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

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- Hawbaker reported processing final paperwork.
- 2) Gene Lewis sewer problem on Minnesota Street has been repaired and patched.
- 3) 2006 Street Project- residents driveway pad and sinking curb are warranty items.

G) Pool - Manager Dinwiddie reported deposits of \$26,047 for June; very slow with the cold wet spring. County Health Inspector “passed” the pool with no problems/ two teen nights on July 15 & Aug. 1st with prizes/ 3 umbrellas are defective; Dinwiddie price new ones for the 2014 budget/ gave WSI Training explanation.

H) Le Sueur County Fair Assn. - Nancy Stauff reported: submitted application to Minn. Trapper's Assoc. to host 2014 state conference/ discussed fair activities for upcoming fair. Mayor, Harmeyer, Collins, Roemhildt will meet with Bill Ruhland to answer any questions he may have regarding the possible 2014 Trapper's Assoc. conference.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Ron Long from Le Center Lanes was present to ask the council's permission to hold a street dance on Minnesota Street on Saturday, August 24 from 3 pm – 12 midnight; with 8 bands, beer garden w/ ID bracelets, pig roast, provide own security, block off Minnesota Street that day. Council generally agreed it was a great idea and said yes.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A) Verizon cell-phone tower: Attorney Moran reported that he was still negotiating the monthly \$ dollar amount Verizon would pay the city to lease land. P & Z Director Block reported that Verizon contacted a private entity who requested a C.U.P. application to attempt to locate the antenna on their private property/ application not returned yet.

- B) Ehler's financial management plan: Administrator Collins provided numbers from the preliminary draft report provided by Ehlers. Full report should be done by next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Harry Mach & Jerry Cooney from Le Center Sportsmen's Club were present to request the city consider renting the club building at a discounted price to be used as a senior center; with the money coming from the Orell Bowler Estate Fund, to help offset the costs the club was incurring while renting the building for free for senior citizen activities. Mr. Mach read a letter from the club requesting same. Councilmen Woelfel and Harmeyer will meet with the Sportsmen's Club to discuss.
- B) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the 2013 Le Sueur County Highway Maintenance Agreement for \$10,988.52. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Collins gave a brief update on the computer problems at city hall after the main utility billing computer crashed; and the costs involved to purchase new computer and update the system back to normal. Council directed staff to check on "direct withdrawal".
- B) Noted: budget workshop meeting on Wednesday, July 17 @ 6:00 pm at city hall.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:27 pm.