

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 Harmeyer, Seconded by Emmers, Minutes from July 9, 2013 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, Notes from July 17, 2013 Workshop Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Meidlinger, Minutes from July 22, 2013 Special Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- D) Council changes to Agenda: Move up: NEW BUS. A) TCU School Officials  
Change: ADMIN. B) Employee requests open meeting

**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.

**\*\* NEW BUSINESS: A) TCU SCHOOL OFFICIALS \*\***

Teri Preisler, Superintendent and Kari Gorr, Community Ed Director, each introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their new positions at TCU School.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

- 1) Director Collins gave Dollar General Store update: Purchase Agreement has been signed, city received approx. \$80,000 for the lot, dirt moving for the building has already begun, building materials already arriving on-site.
- 2) Collins presented \$5,000 Micro-loan application from Le Center Lanes; who was hoping to use the money for roof repair, hood update, flooring, kitchen update, and exterior maintenance & renovation. Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer,

to approve \$5,000 Micro-loan/ 0% interest/ 5 year payback/ to Le Center Lanes Bowling Alley. Approved unanimously.

#### B) P & Z Report

Building Official Block updated council on Dollar General footings, plumbing, etc. Christine (Perkins) Powers has resigned her position on the P & Z Board after serving over 10 years; many as the Chair of the board. A big Thank You to her from Council.

- 1) Housing & Rental Code discussion: changes to “frequency” and “penalties” must be done by public hearing. Set hearing for Sept. regular council meeting.

#### C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the July report: Sales were \$74,570: down \$250 from June, and up \$250 from July '12. Nelson also reported: TRS System is still a work in progress/ will be up to perfection by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of July: 106 calls/ 2,554 miles patrolled/ calls up 10%, miles down 8%. Pfarr reported: signs up for “No Parking” at the fair/ squad car engine repaired/ complaints of jake breaking on Hwy 99.

#### E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- ☐ Streets- over-lay of Bowler Street and Montgomery Ave. is completed. Staff is tree-trimming and cleaning sewer mains.
- ☐ Sewer- city staff is hosting a waste-water training school at the fire hall on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> put on by Minn. Rural Water Association.

- 1) Roemhildt asked council to consider putting a new Bobcat loader with tracks & broom into the wastewater plant budget for 2014 at a annual cost of \$5,000 per year. Roemhildt explained the trade-up program to council: trade in for new every year and not worry about maintenance, track wear & tear, or warranty; and be able to use the loader for alleys, sidewalks, fire hydrants, and ice rink. Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, to purchase new Bobcat loader w/ broom at annual cost of \$5,000 thru “trade-up” program. Approved unanimously.

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

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Street Project- final paperwork is in; waiting on MNDOT to final.
- 2) 2006 Street Project- BCM will replace Paulsen driveway pad in Sept. under warranty.

#### G) Pool - Manager Dinwiddie presented the July and Aug./ final pool reports. Total receipts will be approx. \$36,000- down from \$45,000 in 2012 (hot) but about the same as 2011. Suggested budget \$5,000 for umbrellas & tables and staff paint collar.

#### H) Le Sueur County Fair Assn. - Nancy Stauff presented an over-view of fair events:

machinery is coming in/ 15 food booths this year/ starting to look like a fair.

## V. PUBLIC FORUM

Ron Long from Le Center Lanes reported the Aug. 24 street dance on Minnesota Street is all set: security, food license, beer garden, music, etc. He would like help with fencing, barricades, tables, etc. City staff will assist with those items.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Verizon cell-phone tower: Attorney Moran reported that they have offered \$1,000 per month to lease city land. He recommends to not accept that now; let Verizon officials come to Sept. 10 council meeting and make their offer.
- B) Ehler's financial management plan: Ehlers has indicated the report is done; need to set special meeting for them to present to council. Try for Wed., August 21 @ 6:00 pm.
- C) Minnesota Trappers Association- see letter from Admin. Collins sent to Trappers. Mayor Fredrickson asked Collins to send another letter stating the available shower hours: Friday & Saturday from 5 AM – 12 Noon and 5 PM – 10 PM; supervised by their people. Council generally agreed to this schedule.
- D) Letter & legal complaint from Councilman Meidlinger's attorney disputing Councilman Woelfel's residency: after some discussion; Attorney Moran answer their letter stating the City has done it's due diligence concerning residency and will do no more.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) TCU School Officials- SEE ABOVE
- B) Set Sept. 10 date and times for public hearings: 6:00 pm Fines/Fees & 6:15 pm Sidewalks.
- C) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt Resolution No. 2013F, thereby approving a “Lawful Gambling License” and “Premises Permit” for Le Center Lanes at 72 West Minnesota Street. Approved unanimously.
- D) Mayor Fredrickson read “Thank You” from Summer Rec Coordinator Katrina Christian.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced 2014 budget discussion dates to the public: September 10, October 8, November 12, & December 10 council meetings.
- B) Open employee discipline discussion concerning employee Brad Collins: Councilman Meidlinger spoke about the “discourteous, insulting, abusive behavior” directed towards him from employee Collins during the June 11 council meeting. He felt Collins should be reprimanded and/or written up for this behavior. Mayor & City Attorney felt that since Collins was not paid to be at the meeting, he was merely a resident who spoke out of order and was gaveled & warned at that time to stop. No action taken.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Emmers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:55 pm.

Chris L. Collins, Administrator, City of Le Center, MN