

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Acting Mayor B. Emmers, C. Harmeyer, G. Meidlinger Jr., D. Woelfel
Absent: Josh Fredrickson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from September 10, 2013 Public Hearing (Fines/Fees) be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from September 10, 2013 Public Hearing (Sidewalks) be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from September 10, 2013 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- D) Council changes to Agenda: None

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

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

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins reported: Maud Borup Open House on Thursday, October 17th.

B) P & Z Report

Administrator Collins reported: P & Z Public Hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7:00 pm for Casey's General store "Re-zone" request.
Dollar General report- they hope to be open by November 1st.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the September report: Sales were \$60,190: down \$23,300 from August, and down \$6,500 from Sept.'12. Nelson also reported: new cooler space along back wall- talking to Kelly Const. about removal and eventually installing new coolers there in the future.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of September: 132 calls/ 2,173 miles patrolled/ calls up 11%, miles down 8%. Pfarr also reported: officer's pursuit training done/ 1st Responder renewal in late Oct./ due to "Factor 2 Report" - may need to replace car laptop computer next spring.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- busy sweeping to stay ahead of leaves clogging storm sewers/ over-lay of Park Ave. starts oct. 9th/ staff moved a hydrant and replaced storm sewer.
- Sewer- sending mercury collection report & reduction plan to state/ MN Pollution Control inspection due/ "de-chlorination" of wastewater will be installed to start Nov. 1st / working on new Industrial Use Agreement w/ Dianne's for 2014.
- Water- flushing of hydrants done. (reason done: for maintenance, & clear water)

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

Engineer Hawbaker reported still trying to close out 2010 Street Project.

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

V. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments, questions, or statements from the general public.
There were no comments or questions on the 2014 preliminary budget & levy.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Verizon cell-phone tower: temporarily put "on hold" by Verizon while they check out other sites and weigh their options.
- B) Sidewalk ordinance: Collins updated the council- the new ordinance included in the packet has been published in the official newspaper and has taken affect.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to adopt Resolution No. 2013I, as amended, thereby approving and requesting the listed tax forfeited properties to be sold at public auction by the county. Amended to read: city will re-assess any and all special assessments on the parcels listed at the time of any sale. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to adopt Resolution No. 2013J, thereby approving the recording of all special assessments on the above parcels to Le Sueur County Recorder's office. Approved unanimously.

- B) Acting Mayor Emmers announced the final budget “Public Comment Meeting” for Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm.

Insurance Committee: Councilmembers Emmers and Woelfel volunteered to meet with the employees to discuss the city health insurance plan and effect on the budget.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Collins announced where to send letters or comments regarding the 2014 preliminary budget and levy (city hall).
- B) Collins noted the next Le Sueur County Officials Meeting will be held in Montgomery on Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, for Acting Mayor Emmers to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:41 pm.