

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014 - 7:00 PM**

**\*\* MINUTES \*\***

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from December 10, 2013 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Emmers, Minutes from December 18, 2013 Special Budget Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Council changes to Agenda: None

**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

Director Collins reported: No meetings/ No report. Quarterly meeting coming up.

B) P & Z Report

Administrator Block reported: wrapping up Casey's General Store plans/ past due rental inspections are all caught up; working only on new ones.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the December report: Sales were \$72,401: up \$3,700 from November, but down \$11,900 from Dec.'12. Nelson also reported: Total Sales down from 2012; but expenses down too/ Inventory up \$15,500/ hoping for a better 2014/ will try a few more specials this year/ inventory counting went quick and well.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of December: 63 calls/ 3,000 miles patrolled/ Total calls up 4%, miles down 2%. Pfarr also reported on the year-end comparison totals for calls and miles.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt referenced the year-end Enterprise Fund reports in the packet: Water (pg. 16), Sewer (pg. 17), and Refuse (pg. 18). Roemhildt gave a year-end Recycling report and a year-end Garbage report. He also reported:

- ◆ Sewer Plant- de-chlorination project came in under engineer's estimate/ plant operator Pat Kaderlik will be getting an award from the State of Minnesota for his fine work in operating our waste-water treatment plant.
- ◆ Water- staff dealing with abandoned houses: frozen cracked pipes, water running freely, high water usage. Council directed: "city staff turn these waters off by any means possible- this is an emergency."

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

Engineer Hawbaker was absent due to another commitment. No report.

**V. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A) Councilman Meidlinger gave a brief report from the "Meet The Legislators" he attended which included T.C.U. School officials, Montgomery and Lonsdale city officials, and area elected officials Sen. Dahle, Rep. Bly, & Rep. Woodard; who reported LGA funding to cities will be stabilized for a few years.
- B) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Woelfel, to adopt the "Street Lighting Resolution" provided by Alliant Energy to install several new streetlights. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve the 2014 Police Union Contract as written and presented. Approved unanimously.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Mayoral Proclamation: Mayor Josh Fredrickson did read and proclaim February 7-14 as "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week" and did sign such proclamation and was presented to the Joe & Arianne Holicky family.
- B) City owned 80 acre farm land: Administrator Collins gave a synopsis and time-line of the city's acquisition of the property, the cost to acquire it, the bonds used to pay it off, and the rent revenue being collected by leasing the property. Mayor Fredrickson stated he had been contacted by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party who was very interested in buying the property from the city if it was for sale. He wanted the entire council to be included in the discussion. All agreed: leave further discussion until the workshop meeting being planned. Council set the Workshop Meeting for Tuesday, January 28 @ 6:00 PM at city hall. Attorney Moran suggested sealed bids with a minimum bid would be the preferred method to sell the property IF the council should decide to do so.

- C) Mayor Fredrickson explained the letter and map he had received from the State of Minnesota, Dept. of Administration; asking the City to consider buying surplus land they had no use for- approx. 47 acres in Lexington Township that was home to the former Sun Prairie Landfill, for a minimum sale price of \$353,000.00. All council agreed: they have NO interest in purchasing that property. Motioned by Woelfel, seconded by Meidlinger, to deny the State's request and do not purchase this property at any cost. Approved unanimously.

#### **VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.**

- A) Mayor Fredrickson presented his Mayoral Appointments, including:  
Official Depositories: First State Bank of Le Center & First National Bank of Le Center  
Official Publications: Le Center Leader and Official Acting Mayor: Bob Emmers.  
Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Meidlinger, to adopt the Mayoral Appointment list as written. Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson noted: Le Sueur County Officials meeting on Thursday, January 23 in Montgomery @ 6:30 PM.
- C) Workshop – See Above.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business; Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:05 pm.

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