

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, B. Emmers, G. Meidlinger Jr., D. Woelfel, C. Harmeyer
Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from January 14, 2014 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Emmers, Notes from January 28, 2014 Workshop 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 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: No meetings held. Quarterly meetings starting in March.

B) P & Z Report

Administrator Block reported: Casey's General Store property closing soon/ too cold; no building activity to report.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Mike Nelson gave the January report: Sales were \$59,174: down \$13,200 from December, and down \$3,300 from Jan.'13. Nelson also reported: Inventory is up \$7500 from Dec./ back wall is removed and close to purchasing new cooler to fill that spot/ State Auditor's report out for 2012, showing profit of \$33,449.00/ March 8 Customer Appreciation Day at Muni/ can-coolers ordered for St. Pat's Day celebration/ asked the council to consider eliminating the requirement of 3.2% Beer Licenses in the city as the product is becoming harder to get from the supplier. Staff added that a change to strong beer licenses would increase the license cost as those licenses are secured thru the State; not at the local level.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of January: 157 calls/ 2,272 miles patrolled/ Total calls up 34%, miles up 3%. Pfarr also reported there were lots of parking tickets and complaints/ some new P/T staff started working. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Woelfel, to adopt Resolution No. 2014A, thereby approving the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Le Center Police Department and Prosecuting Attorney. Approved unanimously.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- ◆ Streets- Lots of snow plowing, cleaning hydrants and cleaning corners.
- ◆ Water- First time ever: frozen service lines. Jetter Clean will try to break thru the ice and hopefully not break the line. Watermain break near Winco; water back-flowed thru their sewer line and flooded their floor.
- ◆ Parks- Feb. 28 boot-hockey tournament at skating rink. March 1 snow softball tournament for breast cancer on the West Park field.

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

Engineer Hawbaker reported there was no final resolution on Minnesota Street project.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins gave a report from the recent Moody's Credit Review of the city's credit rating. While Moody's officials were more encouraged by the improvement to the financial status of the city; they were unable to upgrade the rating without the fully completed 2013 city audit. They did however, remove the "negative" trending status on the rating. They did have a copy of the city Financial Management Plan and were very encouraged the city was headed in the right direction.
- B) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the 3.2% beer license for the March 1st Wendy Claffey "Snow Softball Tournament for Breast Cancer." Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve the 2014 Le Center Area Fire Commission Service Agreement. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve the 2014 Le Sueur County Recycling Service Agreement. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson requested the council set a possible workshop meeting date to discuss the 80 acres farm land. Councilman Woelfel asked to also include the liquor store manager's position on the agenda. Council agreed: Workshop Meeting set for Wednesday, March 5 at 6:00 pm at city hall.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Emmers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:45 pm.

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