

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 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 Harmeyer, Seconded by Emmers, Minutes from May 13, 2014 Regular Council Meeting be approved. 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

Director Collins reported: No meetings/ brief report on letters sent out related to the Industrial Park signs.

B) P & Z Report

1) Administrator Block presented a request for a “re-zone” of a lot by Pat Traxler Construction @ 625 E. Commerce Drive. They were hoping to re-zone the adjacent rural lot they just purchased; from R-A zoning to I-1 zoning to match their current zoning. He was hoping to expand his construction business onto the now adjoining lot- but needed to re-zone that lot to conform to city rules. P & Z had unanimously voted to approve the re-zone request based on these “Findings of Fact:”

- a) Request would simply extend the I-1 Industrial District.
- b) Common ownership of the requested lot and the only adjacent lot.
- c) Eliminate the potential of past spot-zoning of the existing R-A District.
- d) Existing lot is vacant & there would be no potential use conforming w/ R-A District.
- e) Re-zone would promote future industrial growth.

Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve the re-zone request by Traxler Construction based on the “Findings of Fact.” Approved unanimously.

- 2) Block and Mayor Fredrickson presented a request for a “gourmet coffee truck” to operate in the city along Hwy 99 East on the Steve Wetzel property. After much discussion concerning the zoning, location, traffic, future concerns, etc.- council generally agreed to allow the truck on a trial basis. Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Meidlinger, to grant owners a 6 month permit with city stipulations and to allow time for the city to formulate an ordinance to cover food trucks. Approved unanimously.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the May report: Sales were \$74,539: up \$11,300 from April, and up \$5,000 from May '13. Collins also reported: Inventory is approx. \$140,000/ YTD sales approx. same as 2013= \$335,000/ Off-Sale up substantially/ 9 graduations serviced/ had a masonry measure and look at outside building/ new cooler trim is done, total cost of new cooler was \$6,134.00.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of May: 112 calls @ 2,343 miles patrolled/ total calls up 11%, total miles down 9%. Pfarr also reported: May was very quiet.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- 1) City-wide junk drop-off report: 80 more loads/ 12 more tons, received over 2012 totals; but cost us approx. \$200 less than 2012. Total expenses were \$2,899.58 and total revenues were \$745.00. Council agreed: very successful!
- 2) Roemhildt and Administrator Collins gave a final report on “residents running water” during the cold months: approx. 3,472,000 extra gallons of water were run thru the plant (approx. 500,000 gals. on two water-main breaks)/ cost to treat those extra gallons was approx. \$24,998.40/ four frozen water service lines cost \$2,112.50/ seven frozen water-main breaks cost \$27,312.50 + est. cost for blacktop repairs cost \$7,600 totaling approx. \$62,000.00 expenses. Add the approx. cost of “lost sales” on the water of \$33,400.64 and total = \$95,424.04.

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

Engineer Hawbaker presented the bids for summer 2014 sealcoating:

- Pearson Bros. Inc. = \$55,952.00 Caldwell Asphalt = \$67,053.10
- With \$65,000 budgeted; council agreed this was a great price. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to accept the Pearson Bros. low bid of \$55,952.00 for summer sealcoating. Approved unanimously.

- G) Fair Association- Fair rep Nancy Stauff gave a daily lineup of activities for the 2014 county fair. Also reported: raising parking prices to \$5.00 per day/ raising camping prices to \$25.00 per day/ putting new fans in poultry buildings/ hiring outside firm to handle their treasurer duties/ received grant from Legacy Amendment to sponsor an event for kids out on the ballfield.

H) Pool- Manager Dinwiddie could not be present – no report.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) 2013 Audit: Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, to accept and approve the 2013 Audit as presented at May meeting by Joel Stencel/ Eidebailly. Approved unanimously.
- B) Midcontinent Cable Franchise Agreement: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve the 2nd Reading of Cable Franchise Agreement - Ordinance No. 2014-4. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Request by employee for city to make available a “Deferred Comp.” plan. With little information about the plan; council agreed: table until July council meeting.
- B) Administrator Collins informed council of several city hall repairs needed on the front of the building. More information will be forthcoming at a later date. No action taken.
- C) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Emmers, to approve the following alcohol licenses for Home Plate Restaurant/ Esmail Mostaghimi: 3.2% beer/ On-Sale Wine/ Consumption and Display Permit. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) At the request of Unimin Corp.- Council agreed to allow them a 30 day extension period regarding their bid for city 80 acres farm land.
- B) Councilman Woelfel inquired: on the Hwy 99 city lots- is there a contract signed with the tenants currently farming the empty lots for free? (No) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to open up and take bids on the land to plant alfalfa only starting in spring 2015. Approved unanimously. Staff inform current tenants.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:15 pm.