

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 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 Woelfel, Seconded by Emmers, Minutes from June 10, 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 Meidlinger, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

- 1) Director Collins reported: the “building permit reduction program” of WAC & SAC fees (\$2500) for new residential construction has expired; would the council like to renew the program? After some discussion; Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, renew the program from 7/01/14 – 12/31/15. Approved unanimous.

B) P & Z Report

- 1) Administrator Block requested a review of the two properties deemed hazardous by the council at the May council meeting: 60 days expires on July 15/ cost estimate to demo/ remove lead & asbestos/ cap & landscape both properties = \$25,000.00. Attorney Moran explained several options for the council to consider. After some discussion, council generally agreed: Atty Moran start the criminal process to attempt to get the property owners to abate the nuisance themselves; we can always go back to the civil process and tear the houses down at a later date.
- 2) Request for a “food/coffee truck” in the city/ approval of forms:
  - a) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the “Temporary Conditional Food Vendor License.” Approved unanimously.
  - b) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Emmers, to approve the “Food Stand License Application” and \$100 annual fee due every Jan.1<sup>st</sup>. Approved unanimously.
  - c) Consider: “Section 12-1 Food Stands” amendment to the city code of ordinances. Set public hearing to consider same for Monday, Aug. 11, 2014 @ 6:30 pm.

## C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the June report: Sales were \$70,791: down \$3700 from May, and down \$4,000 from June '13. Collins also reported: Inventory is approx. \$164,700 – up slightly due to large purchases for specials/ summer events taken over by new F/T bartender Jerry Krenik.

- 1) Administrator Collins gave the final report of the liquor hiring committee which had recommended Jerry Krenik for the new F/T Bartender position. Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Woelfel, to formally hire Jerry Krenik. Approved unanimously.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of June: 108 calls @ 2,591 miles patrolled/ total calls up 8%, total miles down 5%. Pfarr also reported: submitted costs of \$4,417.00 to State Post Board for reimbursement/ city uses only one p/t licensed officer; rest of P/T officers are full-time licensed officers.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Parks- getting South Park ready for Relay For Life on Friday/ flowering trees at North Park are dying of disease and need replacing. Many of the residents have complained those same trees in their boulevards are dying, too and would like them replaced. City needs a plan to replace all those trees.
- Water- sampling for lead and copper @ 10 Le Center homes for MDH.
- Refuse- refuse truck needs new radiator.
- Wastewater- high flows; record 11.4" rain in June/ bypass notice went in paper.
- Streets- school wants a pick-up and drop-off lane along Tyrone Street and signs & crosswalks painted. Council generally feels that school should come to council meeting and explain why they want to change their system again and why have the city pay for it again.

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

Engineer Hawbaker could not be present/ No report.

## G) Fair Association- Fair rep Nancy Stauff was not present/ No report.

- H) Pool- Manager Dorothy Dinwiddie gave the Opening and June report: Income to date roughly the same as last year/ Cleveland and WEM doing lessons here/ lesson numbers down a little from past years due to cool weather/ several foot injuries suffered possibly due to pool floor not being painted this year/ reported on several items on her wish list for the pool in the future which may need to be done; council asked her to get some prices on these items and put them in the 2015 budget proposal.

## V. PUBLIC FORUM

Ron Long from Le Center Lanes presented a request to hold another block party on the street in front of Center Lanes on August 23 from noon until midnight/ bands/ beer garden/ requesting fencing and tables/ provide his own security/ yes- ok to put banners on his building. Council generally ok'd this event request.

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

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins explained the zoning violation concerning the dumpsters at Center Apartments. The dumpsters were not screened as required and always over-flowing with garbage then blowing into the residential neighborhood. A neighbor has complained. Ken Meger spoke for Center Apartments explaining how it's impossible to enclose his dumpsters with screening due to the lack of parking and the lay of the land. He stated his dumpsters were over-flowing because of all the garbage thrown in illegally by persons not living at Center Apartments. In fact, the police had just caught one recently.

Council generally agreed to allow Mr. Meger to attempt to solve this problem by his own methods: trail cameras, warn tenants, etc., but did not require him to install an enclosure.

- B) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve the Cable Franchise Agreement Summary Ordinance for publication in the official newspaper. Approved unanimously.
- C) With the cable franchise fee now being paid directly to the City; discussion was held on how much should the city pay to the school each month. Average amount paid directly to the school in 2013 was \$558.63 per month. Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to pay the school \$575.00 per month. Motion approved by 4-1 vote; Meidlinger voting No.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Emmers, to adopt the resolution appointing election judges for the 2014 Primary Election. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve a 4 Day Temporary On-Sale strong beer license for Le Center Community Club for the county fair; due to the shortage of 3.2% beer available. Approved unanimously. License must also be approved by state.
- C) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve the 2014 County Hwy Maintenance Agreement for \$14,959.63. Approved unanimously.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Administrator Collins explained the city must have a records retention schedule by law. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve **Resolution No. 2014C**; thereby adopting the "Minnesota General Records Retention Schedule For Cities." Approved unanimously. Adoption of schedule still requires state approval.
- B) Administrator Collins advised the council that T-Mobile plans to upgrade their tower antennas in the near future; and city could possibly charge them more money on lease.

- C) Mayor Fredrickson read the following notice: Filings Open for Le Center City Offices from Tuesday, July 29 until Tuesday, August 12, 2014.
- D) Unimin Corp. update- Mayor Fredrickson advised the council of the current situation involving the possible sale of 80 acres farm land: Unimin has contacted other area land owners in an attempt to find land for cheaper price, but will get back to us before finalizing anything.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business; Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 9:19 pm.

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