

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from October 14, 2014 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council changes to Agenda: ADD: TCU School- Mayoral Proclamation after bills.

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.

**** Mayoral Proclamation ****

Mayor Fredrickson did read and so proclaim November 16 – 22 as “American Education Week” and presented TCU School officials with a signed document proclaiming it so.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins reported: Updated the council on the Industrial Park sign repairs.

- 1) EDA Board had unanimously approved a micro-business loan for Hunt’s Place (House of Insurance) for repair of their retaining wall outside. Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve \$5,000.00 micro-loan. Approved unanimously.

B) P & Z Report

Administrator Block reported: No meetings/ no report.

- 1) Update on two hazardous properties: neither property owner has applied for, nor started demolition of their houses. Next court date set for January, 2015. Maple Avenue property has water leak at or near the shut-off valve. Council agreed: go in and dig into the concrete driveway to get at shut-off valve and try to shut water off. Keep track of all costs to be charged back to the property owner.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the October report: Sales were \$66,723: up \$3,800 from September, up \$3,200 from Oct. '13. Collins reported: Inventory approx. \$171,000/ YTD Sales \$695,000/ Wine Tasting at Legion was possibly best turnout ever/ Thank You to all residents who attended 60 Year Anniversary/ dart league has started/ Wed. November 26 DJ @ Muni/ open Sundays- going well/ council stop in and see the cosmetic changes in the Off Sale side. Council question on Cash Over/Short line item in the Packet Report. Staff will check into this discrepancy and report back.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of October: 110 calls @ 2,187 miles patrolled/ total calls up 1%, total miles down 3%. Pfarr also reported: Police car has been winterized, new tires, brake job. October very quiet crime-wise.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- sweeping & hauling leaves continues: 410 yards so far. Snowplowing ordinance will be published in the local newspaper.
- Sewer- checked foundation drains on seven “sold” homes: two passed and five failed, of which four of those have already been fixed.
- Refuse- announced Wednesday, November 26 as garbage pick-up day due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering- Engineer Joel Hawbaker not present; no report given.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments or questions on the 2015 preliminary budget & levy.
There were no comments, questions, or statements from the general public.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins requested council approve him opening an escrow account to place the recent bond refunding proceeds until the Feb. 1st due date; earning a little interest along the way. Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve allowing Collins to open the new escrow account to hold the funds. Approved unanimously.
- B) Administrator Collins informed the council that TCU School had seen how much extra funds were being brought in to the city under the new franchise agreement with Midcontinent Cable Co.; and was interested in renegotiating their share of those funds. Council generally agreed: the changes made to the agreement were meant to bring in a little extra money to the city; and any changes to that would require a letter from the school specifying why they would need any more proceeds than they were being given.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins informed council there would be a Public Hearing at the Dec. 9 council meeting for the purpose of taking public comment concerning the refunding of bonds held by Ecumen/ Second Century Project. This refunding involves the Country Neighbors facility in Le Center; and the City of Le Center is a “conduit issuer” of the original bonds; thus the city would need to approve a resolution to refund those bonds.
- B) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the weed abatement list to be certified to Le Sueur County Auditor for collection with real estate taxes payable in 2015. Approved unanimously.
- C) Mayor Fredrickson announced the final budget & levy “Public Comment Meeting” for Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm meeting at city hall.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) The Le Center City Council serves as the “Canvassing Board” for the City of Le Center. Mayor Fredrickson read the final totals compiled from the Nov. 4 city election returns:

Office of Mayor: Gary Meidlinger Jr. = 114
 Joshua Fredrickson = 532
 Misc. Write-in = 15

Council Member (2): Jennifer Weiers = 518
 Denny Woelfel = 488
 Misc. Write-in = 29

Therefore: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Emmers, to accept and approve the Abstract of Votes Cast for the November 4, 2014 General Election held in the Precincts of City of Le Center, as compiled by the official returns provided by the county. Motion approved by 4-1 vote: Councilman Meidlinger voting No.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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