

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

**** Public hearing on Final 2015 Net Tax Levy and Total Budget ****

City Administer Collins explained the entire budget & levy and how the final budget was reduced from the September max budget allowed, to the current staff proposed. There were no questions, comments, or discussion from the general public.

- 1) *Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Emmers, to approve Final 2015 Net Tax Levy of 2.4995% increase. Approved unanimously.*
- 2) *Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve Final 2015 Total Budget of \$3,402,436.00. Approved unanimously.*

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from November 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 Woelfel, 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: Industrial Park signs are done/ look great/ cost \$2700.00. American Legion inquired about a Revolving Loan Fund loan; went different direction.

B) P & Z Report

Administrator Block reported: No meetings/ no report.

- 1) Update on two hazardous properties: next trial date in January 2015. Council generally agreed: let the court process work thru and then go aggressive if it don't go our way; to save on attorney's fees.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the November report: Sales were \$66,648: down \$75 from October, down \$1,000 from Nov. '13. Collins reported: Inventory approx. \$178,000/ YTD Sales \$762,000/ December features: Pfeffer tourney, Big Buck Hunter tourney, & football tailgate party. Councilman requested Inventory sheet in monthly packet.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of November: 146 calls @ 2,021 miles patrolled/ total calls up 6%, total miles down 4%. Pfarr also reported: Winter parking is the big activity now/ still problems with squad car engine oil system.

- 1) Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the LETG Reporting Agreement and related costs. Approved unanimously.
- 2) Chief Pfarr read the press release: Notice of Level 3 Predatory Offender Community Notification Meeting on December 16th at TCU Middle School.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Water- Curt & staff did succeed in digging up & shutting off water at South Maple Ave. hazardous house set for demolition. (water-line was leaking)
 - Parks- Ice Rink base has been started; freezing the grass and ground.
 - Refuse- Announced garbage pick-up days on Wednesdays for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve holidays.
- 1) Roemhildt explained the amendment needed for the Wellhead Protection Plan, the map, private wells, low risk, drinking water supply. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Emmers, to approve the amendment to City Wellhead Protection Plan, Part 1. Approved unanimously.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering- Engineer Hawbaker answered a few council questions.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Ecumen/ Second Century Project: Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Meidlinger, to adopt **Resolution No. 2014G**, thereby granting host approval to the issuance of the new refunding bonds. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve and certify delinquent utility assessments to county auditor for collection with 2015 taxes. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve the 2015 Ambulance Service Agreement for same cost as 2014. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Emmers, to approve the 2015 City/ County Recycling Services Agreement. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve staff request to close city hall offices on Friday, Dec. 26, provided all employees use a vacation day as PTO. Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor, Council, & staff gave a final “Thank You” to Councilman Bob Emmers for his fine contributions during his four years on city council.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Meidlinger, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:56 pm.