

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, G. Meidlinger Jr., D. Woelfel, J. Weiers, C. Harmeyer
Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from January 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Meidlinger, Notes from January 29, 2015 Workshop Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Council changes to Agenda: Move up: NEW BUS. A) Region Nine Development

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.

NEW BUSINESS A) Nicole Griensewic Mickelson/ Region Nine Development

Ms. Mickelson gave an overview of the Region Nine Development organization and the activities & services they provide. She explained the many departments and the services they each offer. See Region Nine handout she provided.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins reported: No meetings/ no report.

B) P & Z Report

Administrator Block suggested a language change to the proposed new sex offender ordinance on page 1 and 2 concerning "licensed child care center/ provider."

- 1) Attorney Moran update on two hazardous properties: "criminal side" rescheduled for March/ opposing attorney has suggested we start the "civil side" of this; but then we have to pay for the clean-up if we win the case. Council generally agreed: let's wait for the criminal trial and hope the property owners must pay for clean-up themselves.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the January report: Sales were \$60,842: down \$16,000 from December, up \$1,600 from Jan. '14. Collins reported: Inventory approx. \$165,000. Many upcoming events: Feb.15th = chili & soup tasting/ Feb.28th = pheffer tourney/ Mar.7th = dart tourney/ Mar.28th = Customer Appreciation Day w/ band/ and firemen's meat raffles coming soon.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of January: 113 calls @ 2,843 miles patrolled/ total calls down 28%, total miles up 25% for 2015. Pfarr also reported: he thinks the squad car engine is finally fixed; and hopefully under warranty since this trouble started while it was still under warranty, but never got fully fixed. Training starts this month on the new LETG system; with a July start-up planned.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Parks- ice skating rink is not in good shape; due to all the rain we've had.
- 1) Robyn Hoerr of MRWA was unable to attend due to bad weather. Employees Curt Roemhildt (Public Works Supt.) and Pat Kaderlik (Water Dept.) gave a lengthy presentation on the city Wellhead Protection Plan. They discussed and explained the amendment needed to Part I of our WHPP. Draft of the amendment basically says Le Center city wells are well protected. We're in the process of amending our original WHPP. We're not vulnerable. Building a new well as part of the next street project would force us to amend again.
 - 2) A major water main break turned up on South Maple Avenue; leaking 150,000 - 200,000 gallons per day. Supt. Roemhildt explained the finding and fixing of the water main break. Water was running into a sewer service line and then carried thru the sewer main line out to the wastewater treatment plant. That's why the water didn't come up to the surface and show itself. Was fixed today.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker reported he is working on the costs to mill & overlay on Meadow View Lane and Rolling Hills Drive in 2015; he will have the \$ figures for the next council meeting. Mayor Fredrickson asked Hawbaker to remember to incorporate SRTS funding of sidewalks into the Lexington Avenue Project.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no petitions, requests, comments, or communications from the public.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Consider new sex offender residency ordinance. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Meidlinger, to adopt **Amending Ordinance No. 2015-1**; thereby approving Designated Predatory Offender Residency Restrictions (with language changes) to Chapter 28 of the City Code of Ordinances. Approved unanimously. Public Hearing was held earlier that evening. Ordinance becomes final upon publication in the official newspaper.
- B) Consider P/T liquor employee wage increase due to the rise in minimum wage; as was discussed at Jan. 29 workshop meeting. Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to raise the P/T liquor wages from \$8.00 to \$9.00 and \$9.00 to \$9.50. Approved unanimous.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) See above discussion.
- B) Special Assessment/ Local Improvement Policy needs amending or replacing. Attorney Moran, Engineer Hawbaker, & Admin. Collins will work on a new policy to adopt.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Collins explained Moody's credit rating upgrade from B1 to Ba3 + Positive Outlook.
- B) Collins provided a copy and explained to council the timing of Upcoming Debt Service Payments for 2015/ T.A.C. payback/ county taxes received/ & LGA received from state.
- C) Banyon Data Systems proposal: Collins briefly explained the proposal including Payroll Direct Deposit, Utility Billing Direct Payments, & WebPay Online Payments/ eBills. Councilmembers Weiers and Meidlinger will work with staff to make a recommendation to the full council.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:17 pm.