

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 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 Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from February 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from February 10, 2015 Public Hearing (Sex Offender) be approved. Approved unanimously.

C) Council changes to Agenda: Add: REPORTS G) County Fair/ Nancy Stauff

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

Director Collins reported: next meeting scheduled for Friday, March 20 @ 4:00 PM.

B) P & Z Report

Administrator Block reported: no meetings/ no report.

1) Attorney Moran update on two hazardous properties: continue the course on the criminal complaint side @ March court hearing/ Council needs to strongly consider the civil complaint side of this: city pay to have the two hazardous houses torn down for approx. \$20,000 and recoup the cost later/ Council think about this, consider the cost, and possibly vote on this at April council meeting.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Asst. Manager Jerry Krenik gave the February report: Sales were \$56,852: down \$3,900 from January, down \$2,800 from Feb. '14. Krenik reported: sales showed 39% gross profit margin/ Inventory approx. \$164,000. Many upcoming events: Mar.28 = customer appreciation/ meat raffles first Saturday of each month. Moving the ice machine to make room for some tap beers and food.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of February: 100 calls @ 1,989 miles patrolled/ total calls down 29%, total miles up 15% for 2015. Pfarr also reported: average month; not much happening for crimes.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- St. Pat's Day Celebration- helping Municipal, VFW, and Legion get ready; street sweeping to pick up the winter sand.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker absent due to prior commitment/ no report.

G) County Fair/ Nancy Stauff

Ms. Stauff reported: received \$3,300 grant for fixing the historic horse building/ use Legacy grant money for purchasing trees/ New Ulm Battery hired to come fire four rounds on Saturday/ use Legacy money to set up Veteran's Memorial (seeking old photo's, articles, etc.) Request permission to use the Legion pavilion on Sat. for peddle car event (yes) and Ranch Rodeo is coming. Yes- they are trying for the next Trapper's Association Annual Show. Mayor pledged city support in any way needed.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins reported the new sex offender residency ordinance was published February 25 in the official newspaper (LC Leader) and was now officially in force.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson addressed the Midcontinent Cable Franchise Fee annual report showing the revenues, fees, and city profit of \$2,410.43 in 2014.
- C) Committee on Banyon Software options: Councilmembers Meidlinger, Weiers, and Administrator Collins met earlier to consider the three different options the staff was considering. Councilman Meidlinger reported the committee was very in favor of the ACH utility billing direct payments; but not so much for the Payroll direct deposit (employees voted 11-4 they didn't want it) or the WebPay online payments & eBills (was not in favor of all the city fees involved and city would need to start accepting credit cards to make it worth it). After some discussion:

Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Weiers, to decline the Payroll direct deposit option. Approved unanimously. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Weiers, to accept and buy the ACH utility billing direct payment option. Approved unanimously. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Weiers, to decline the WebPay online payments & eBills option. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Community committee for senior citizen center: Bob Leary read the letter from Attorney Brent Christian regarding the Bowler Estate donation to the city and what the money could be used for. He stated that possible senior center locations being considered were Ambulance Bldg./ School/ Sportsmen's Bldg./ City council-chambers/ & Weber Pizza Bldg. He stated no location had been decided on yet. Jerry Cooney from Sportsmen's Club offered their building to the community committee with first three months free; and stated he believed they had all the handicap accessible needs covered. Greg Traxler from Community Club stated he believed they could possibly use \$200 per month from the fund and possibly some money from Community Club to fund the rental cost. He added that the senior group would like a place to go every day during the week, and that may limit where the group could go; and maybe even pay a coordinator with stipend. Council will think about it for a month, get more information, and discuss at April council mtg.
- B) Administrator Collins explained the resolution the League of Minnesota Cities is asking all cities to adopt supporting dedicated funding for city streets in cities less than 5,000 population. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Woelfel, adopt **Resolution No. 2015A**, thereby supporting dedicated state funding for city streets. Approved unanimously.
- C) Collins explained the Le Sueur County All Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by the county board needed to be approved by the city council; to be included under the county hazard mitigation plan. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Meidlinger, to adopt **Resolution No. 2015B**, thereby approving the Le Sueur County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson read the Notice of Board of Appeals & Equalization Open Book notice to city residents; to be held April 14 from 10 AM – 6 PM at county assessor's.
- B) Collins gave a brief report on county official's meeting held in Waterville on March 5: the group is focusing on a county-wide resource guide booklet including all cities. They hope to start meeting twice monthly to finish the booklet before summer comes.
- C) Mayor Fredrickson noted the next county official's meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, at 6:30 PM in Elysian.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:01 pm.