

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from July 14, 2015 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 noted what had already been in the newspaper; River's Edge Clinic chose to close it's clinic in Le Center and did not sign our building lease agreement.
- 2) At the June 9 council meeting, Council had agreed to sell Industrial Park Lot 5 of Block 1, to Maud Borup Company for \$16,000. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt **Resolution No. 2015E**, thereby deeding the lot to Maud Borup Company for the \$16,000 price. Approved unanimously.
- 3) At the July 14 council meeting, Council had agreed to offer a 2nd lot, Industrial Park Lot 6 of Block 1, to Maud Borup Company for \$14,000. Administrator Collins explained to council that Maud would not accept that offer; and instead counter-offered \$12,000 for that 2nd lot, their final offer. After some discussion: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to adopt **Resolution No. 2015F**, thereby deeding the lot to Maud Borup Company for the \$12,000 price. Approved unanimously.

B) P & Z Report

- 1) Director Block presented a notice for public hearing on September 1st @ 7:00 pm concerning amending fence ordinance and apartments in basements in B-3 district. Mayor read the "Waive mailed notice" for the city-wide fence ordinance hearing.
- 2) Update on two residential properties deemed hazardous by the council: Mayor Fredrickson reported he's still working with fire dept. to use for burn training.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the July report: Sales were \$79,678: up \$9,300 from June, and up \$11,000 from July '14. Collins reported: YTD revenues are up \$13,800, expenses are down \$29,600, gross profit = 33%. Also: warm, humid summer has helped sales/ rain days have brought in const. workers/ a good year could possibly increase the amount transferred to general fund acct. or could keep it to put towards the repair of outside brick building/ discussed outside brick condition and the cost to repair or replace: Liquor Committee will meet to discuss the costs & options/ sent Jerry K. to food class to get proper license to sell food products/ Sunday, Sept. 13 will be first Sunday open.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of July: 132 calls @ 2,859 miles patrolled/ total calls down 6%, total miles up 17% for 2015. Pfarr also reported: LETG system went live July 29th/ staff has minimum 8 hrs. training on LETG/ hope to use Tara N. more for police reporting/ county fair schedule for staff is set.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Sewers- recent July 6 & July 24 rains caused flooded basements at same two locations each time. Staff helped remove three more foundation drains recently. Main house camera is broke down; may need to consider new "tilt & pan" camera at \$23,000 for televising homes/ council will consider this at budget workshop mtg.
- Parks- checking on mosquito spraying for 2016 budget.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Engineer Joel Hawbaker reported to council: edge mill & overlay of Meadow View Lane was done that day by Nielsen Blacktopping/ sealcoating of Rolling Hills Drive will be done at later date by Pearson.
- 2) Lexington Avenue project: Hawbaker stated he would need the OK for the Engineer's Report by October to advertise this project by February/ March 2016. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt resolution to Order Preparation of Engineer's Report on Improvement. Approved unanimously.
 - a) Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, to repeal old; and enact new ordinance: Chapter 34 Special Assessments. Approved unanimously.

G) Pool

Pool Manager Dorothy Dinwiddie was unable to attend. Councilman Meidlinger gave a brief July pool report: total deposits were at \$33,895.25; slightly ahead of last year/ still waiting for Waterville lessons revenue to come in.

H) County Fair/ Nancy Stauff

Ms. Stauff unable to attend: No report.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins inquired what assessment \$ value council would want to put back onto the (4) Kubes tax-forfeited lots that were now owned by the county? The lots had gone thru the county auction procedure without selling. Now, Collins stated he had received three calls from prospective buyers wondering what assessment \$ value the city would put back onto the cost of the lots should they purchase them from the county? After much discussion; and Attorney Moran suggesting the city should purchase them: Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Woelfel, buy all four lots for \$75 each from county to get under city control/ EDA help determine what to sell them for/ pay for lots, and future property taxes, from EDA account. Approved unanimously.
- B) Collins noted to council: State/Summary of City Financial Statement for 2014.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the 2015 County Hwy Maintenance Agreement for \$16,499.85 (\$1,540 increase). Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson did so read and proclaim October 15 as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in Le Center.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor and Council set date for budget workshop meeting: Wednesday, August 19 @ 6:00 PM at city hall to work on the proposed preliminary budget.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson read: Notice of (1) sewer by-pass' on July 24, 2015.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:18 PM.