

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, C. Harmeyer, G. Meidlinger Jr., D. Woelfel, J. Weiers

Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from September 8, 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 Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins reported: No meetings, nothing to report.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: No meetings, nothing to report.

1) Hazardous houses: Supt. Roemhildt reported contractor started removing asbestos; should be done this week/ back-hoes removing the two houses next week. Total cost of removing the two houses is \$24,880.00.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the September report: Sales were \$69,514: down \$8,400 from August, and up \$6,500 from Sept. '14. Collins reported: YTD revenues are up \$19,000, expenses are down \$21,000, gross profit = 35.82% with 2015 total sales est. to be \$850,000- \$875,000. Also: ordered oven for bar food sales; approx. one month set-up time/ October = Nat'l Liquor Day/ tailgate potluck football party/ Friday Oct. 23 Wine & Beer Tasting @ Legion/ Oct. 31 Halloween beer bash with girls softball team.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of September: 151 calls @ 2,938 miles patrolled/ total calls up 2%, total miles up 16% for 2015. Pfarr also reported: Lots of calls to Dollar General for shoplifting; caught 5 of 6 suspects/ more repairs needed on Ford Taurus squad car/ LETG system working well; more paperwork, but easier to track cases and information.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Sewers- staff cleaning sewer mains- ¼ of city clearing roots from mains.
- Parks- closing all parks up.
- Streets- hauling leaves; we use the garbage truck to haul leaves for efficiency.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Lexington Avenue Project: After some discussion: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Meidlinger, to set the project public “Hearing on Improvement” for Tuesday, November 10 @ 6:00 pm at city hall. Approved unanimously.

Attorney Moran suggested at the next council meeting have a Yes or No vote to pass resolution “Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans.”

- 2) Council agreed to set Lex. Ave. project workshop mtg. for October 29 at 6:00 pm.

G) Pool

Administrator Collins presented the Final 2015 Pool Report showing revenues totaling \$40,531.75 vs. expenses totaling \$61,731.01 = (\$21,199.26) loss in 2015. 2014 loss was (\$30,012.02) and 2013 loss was (\$23,927.56)

V. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments or questions on the 2016 preliminary budget & levy.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Letter from Mike Nelson, owner of Nelzy’s Real Estate in Le Center: Mr. Nelson was concerned that the city sewer ordinance regarding foundation drains into the sanitary sewer was affecting sales of houses in the city. He currently has a property for sale with an identified foundation drain located under a porch that can’t be dug up. He asked the city to check with the State as to what to do in this situation? He asked if the property could be “grandfathered” in? (No) It leaves the house as non-saleable right now. Staff will contact the State of Minnesota for more information and an answer. Mr. Nelson then asked why the city does not allow metal roofs on residential homes? He believes the city should not regulate the use of such roofs: it’s cheaper, more environmentally better, and it can look nice. Council suggested this was something to be considered by the P & Z first; not council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced the final budget & levy “Public Comment Meeting” for Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm. Public comment meetings will be held on October 13, November 10, & December 8 - all at 7:00 pm.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson announced the time, place, phone, address, & whom to contact for comments on the 2016 budget & levy: Chris L. Collins, Administrator @ 357-4450 or mail to: 10 West Tyrone Street, Le Center MN between 8 am – 4:30 pm on M – F.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor announced the next Le Sueur County Official’s Meeting for Wednesday, Oct. 28 @ 6:30 PM at Thirsty Beaver Bar in Elysian.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Meidlinger, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:50 PM.