

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

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, Notes from October 13, 2015 Informational Meeting (Lex. Ave.) be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from October 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, Notes from October 29, 2015 Workshop Meeting (Lex. Ave.) be approved. Approved unanimously.
- D) Council changes to Agenda: None

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Woelfel, 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: No meetings, nothing to report.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: No meetings- only the wind generator project is still open.

- 1) Hazardous houses: Supt. Roemhildt reported contractor had removed the two houses; possibly grass seeding left. Total cost to remove was \$24,880.00.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the October report: Sales were \$75,390: up \$5,800 from September, and up \$8,600 from Oct.'14. Collins reported: YTD revenues are up \$25,000, expenses are down \$11,000, gross profit = 39.62% with 2015 total sales est. to be \$860,000/ wine & beer tasting event was average/ meat raffles have started up.

New oven is up and operable, Jerry K. is master chef learning it all with a menu in the works/ Open Sunday's is going well/ Holly Daze parade on Sat. Nov. 28 will be busy/ winter card games starting soon. 2014 State Auditor's report is out: we're doing very well compared to other stores our size- "stats" given.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of October: 162 calls @ 2,923 miles patrolled/ total calls up 6%, total miles up 17% for 2015. Pfarr reported: they picked up lots of bicycles in town; but no reports of them missing/ applied for a grant to help pay for a new in-squad computer. Officer Hintz reported on the possible new squad car: we would receive \$6500 for trade-in within 30 days at Factor Motors to make the cost of the new squad car cost = \$25,936.74. Hintz described the many problems with the current car: some have been fixed, some are going bad now. Some were under warranty, some were not. Council questioned the "new car every 3 yrs." but realized that this Taurus squad car has been a problem; and generally gave their approval to order a new vehicle for 2016.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Water- residents who received 3 notices to replace their meter; please call city hall.
- Refuse- garbage pick-up will be Wednesday before Thanksgiving/ cracking down on all the garbage bags thrown in the truck not in city blue bags; staff will be looking inside those bags for names and tickets will be given.
- Streets- still sweeping streets/ hauling leaves to Mankato in the garbage truck. Councilman Meidlinger reported the painting of the curb on East Minnesota Street corner has pushed the parked cars down further to the west and blocked the view of anyone trying to exit that alley; staff will investigate the problem.
- Sewer- found foundation drains and gutters draining into our sanitary sewer.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Lexington Avenue Project: After some discussion, and finding this project to be necessary, cost-effective, & feasible: Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt **Resolution No. 2015K**- thereby ordering the improvement and preparation of plans & specs by the engineer. Approved unanimously.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no petitions, requests, comments, or communications from the general public. There were no comments or questions on the 2016 preliminary budget & levy.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mr. Kevin Gibbs and representative from Alano Society (AA Club) were present to ask the council for relief in paying their assessment from the 2006 Street Project; contending that the assessment is inaccurate as the property is not a corner lot. (see letter)
They feel the corner property is owned by the city as shown on the county beacon site and their property description. They believe the difference on their assessment would be approx. \$2080.00 + interest; totaling \$4500 difference over the life of the assessment. They stated they were having trouble paying the yearly assessment; since they relied on donations from their members. After discussion; council will take this under advisement.

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 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.
- C) Administrator Collins presented the 2015 delinquent assessment list to be certified to the county auditor for collection with the 2016 property taxes. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the delinquent assessment list for certification and collection to the county auditor. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced the next Le Sueur County Official’s Meeting for Thursday, January 28 at 6:30 PM @ New Prague.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:58 PM.