

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from December 08, 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

Director Collins reported: no meetings/ no report. 1st meeting of year coming soon.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: Maud Borup wind generator concrete footings have been placed/ discussed the situation with house on Western Avenue set-back from street.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the December report: Sales were \$81,410: up \$11,000 from November, and up \$4,300 from Dec.'14. Collins reported: YTD sales are \$848,000, up \$47,000 from 2014 (\$34,000 On & \$13,000 Off) 2015 GP margin = 39% & cash short was just \$36. It was a good year at Municipal Liquor Store. Meat raffles starting up again/ Sundays doing well/ Sat. January 30 is Pfeiffer Tournament.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of December: 159 calls @ 2,696 miles patrolled/ total calls up 8%, total miles up 20% for 2015.

Pfarr reported: new squad car will arrive approx. Feb. 1st at Factor Motors.

1) Year End Reports: 1608 total calls; up 8.6% - mostly verbal warnings, public assistance, & helping assist other departments (county). Part-time hours = 2,155 vs. 1,666 in 2014. Complaints = 612 vs. 605 in 2014.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Refuse- hauled 6 more tons of co-mingle items in 2015 over 2014/ hauled 15 more tons of cardboard in 2015 over 2014/ hauled 5 less tons of leaves in 2015 than 2014/ and hauled 12 tons more of refuse in 2015 over 2014. Signs at Recycling Center have worked well in regards to illegal dumping.
- Streets- all bad STOP and YIELD signs have been replaced. No snow to plow.
- Water- approx. 38 radio-read water meters left to change out in the city.
- Parks- skating rink will be opening tomorrow.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

1) Lexington Avenue Project: Engineer Hawbaker reported: survey data gathering is completed and is now being analyzed. Pre-const. utility design meeting is set for January 27 @ 10:00 am; with all utility companies invited.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Alano Club request for correction to their 2006 Street Project assessment: Administrator Collins explained how we got to where we were; County says the city was deeded the property back in 1926; unbeknownst to this city personnel. Council generally felt city should pay to survey the properties in the area for Alano, Woelfel Storage, Mariah House, & trailer court; and then deed the property over to each of them for no charge. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, to order the survey work to be done at city cost to determine the true owners of the properties. Approved unanimously.
- B) Administrator Collins read the recommendation for permanent F/T employee status plus a .50 raise for Tara Nusbaum, Office Assistant; as recommended by her review committee. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve Ms. Nusbaum to permanent employee status plus .50 raise as recommended. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the 2016 City/County Recycling Services Agreement for same price as 2015 (\$1,950 per month). Approved unanimously.

- B) Mayor Fredrickson read, and did so proclaim the week of February 7 - 14, 2016 as “Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week” in the City of Le Center.
- C) Set special meeting/ workshop: Council tabled this to the February council meeting to hopefully include more information from Bolton & Menk on Lexington Ave. project.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayoral Appointments by Mayor Fredrickson: only change is Councilman Harmeyer to the Ambulance Commission. Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Weiers, to approve the Mayoral Appointments list. Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson noted to councilmembers: August 9 (Primary Election) and November 8 (General Election) council meeting dates must be changed at upcoming council meeting/ bring your calendars to February council meeting.
- C) The next Le Sueur County Official’s Meeting is Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30 PM @ New Prague. Important meeting on county tourism- all council try to make it.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:03 PM.