

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from January 12, 2016 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 Woelfel, 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; but reported two different parties are very interested in the Kubes forfeited lots for building- so first meeting coming soon.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: no meetings/ no report. Rental inspections will next be done at end of this year or early next year.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the January report: Sales were \$66,842: down \$14,500 from December, but up \$6,000 from Jan.'15 (\$2,000 On & \$4,000 Off) Jan. GP margin = 42%. Collins also reported: held two Pfeiffer and one Dart tournaments in January/ still good Sunday sales/ Feb. 20 Pfeiffer tourney and Feb. 21 Chili & Soup contest.

- 1) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Weiers, to approve the Chili & Soup contest hosted by Le Sueur County Ducks Unlimited on Feb. 21. Approved unanimously.
- 2) Mayor Fredrickson set hiring committee for the vacant Assistant Manager position at the Liquor Store: Councilmembers Weiers & Harmeyer, Administrator Collins, Manager Brad Collins, and administrator from Minn. Valley Council of Governments.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of January: 122 calls @ 2,184 miles patrolled/ total calls up 8%, total miles down 23% for 2016. Pfarr also reported: new squad car came in Jan. 29 to Factor Motors; getting detailed and wired/ Officer Steffen out for a month after a surgery; shift will be covered by P/T help.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Water- continuing to install radio-read water meters; approx. 23 left to change out.
- Streets- running out of room to pile snow at fairgrounds; corn pile still there.
- Parks- skating rink is in “chaos”: ice melted and staff now trying to re-flood.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Lexington Avenue Project: Engineer Hawbaker out sick/ no report.
- 2) Set Lexington Avenue workshop meeting to review project information: Council agreed upon Tuesday, Feb. 23 @ 6:30 pm for workshop meeting.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Alano Club property: Administrator Collins explained the cost estimate from Bolton & Menk Engineering (\$8500 - \$16,000) to do the survey and title work. Council discussed the costs and agreed that was too much work and too much money to settle this issue. We now have more and better information to settle this issue. Council instructed Collins to meet with Engineer Hawbaker before they incur any cost to the city; and also include Councilman Woelfel, Supt. Roemhildt, & Inspector Block to discuss a new solution.
- B) Change future council meeting dates due to state & federal elections in 2016: Council generally agreed upon Wed., August 10 for the August regular council meeting (7:00 pm) and Wed., November 16 for the November regular council meeting (7:00 pm).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Pay Equity Report: (presenter Rick Almich/ M.V.C.O.G. was unable to attend). City Administrator Collins explained the 2016 pay equity report as best he could; the report had been submitted by the Jan. 31 required date; Council simply needed to approve the report after the fact. C.O.G. had completed the report for the city as they have every 3 years; but there were several changes made to the employee point system this year that could affect it's being approved by state. Council had the option to wait until the March meeting before approving if they wanted official M.V.C.O.G. explanation. Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the report now. Approved unanimously.

- B) Administrator Collins & Supt. Roemhildt explained the new proposed Solid Waste Contract Agreement with Minnesota Waste Processing Company covering the next 10 years. This was for dumping our blue bag garbage and would raise our dumping price by approx. \$5.20 per ton. After checking with other companies and sites; Collins & Roemhildt were recommending approval of this new contract agreement. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the new Solid Waste Contract with Minnesota Waste Processing Company. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Administrator Collins explained the 2016 Debt Service Schedule: total payments were scheduled to be \$1,019,653 = (\$175,994 less than 2015).
- B) The next Le Sueur County Official's Meeting is Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 PM @ Le Center Little Dandy. (finalize the county tourism brochure) Councilman Woelfel explained some of the new brochure features/ Administrator Collins was appointed the city "point person."

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:02 PM.