

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

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, J. Weiers, D. Woelfel, C. Harmeyer, G. Meidlinger Jr.
Absent: None (Attorney Moran absent)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from March 8, 2016 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council changes to Agenda: Move up: TCU School & House of Insurance review

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.

*** NEW BUSINESS: A) TCU School building bond referendum vote presentation**

Supt. Teri Preisler showed a power-point presentation on the proposed TCU School bond referendum vote (\$18,690,000) to be held on May 24, 2016. See hand-out.

*** NEW BUSINESS: B) House of Insurance/ Darian Hunt**

Insurance agent Darian Hunt presented the 2016 League of Minnesota Insurance review: (See hand-out) Empty medical clinic building, city garage & shop, and properties in open accounted for the \$1964.00 increase; and workers comp increased \$700. City did receive an \$18,013 dividend in December. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Meidlinger, to Yes waive the state statute limits on tort liability. Approved unanimously.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

- 1) Director Collins reported on the April 5 joint meeting of the EDA Board and the city council members to hear the presentation by Tele-Pharm Company. Alex Graber was present to explain the pharmacy program: their software allows for a pharmacy with No pharmacist on site, but a licensed tech with \$70,000 - \$100,000 of prescription inventory available/ need 35-40 prescripts per day to break even/ they have three tele-pharmacies in Minnesota/ there are some regulatory issues involved/ requires up to \$50,000 start-up money to help entice a neighboring pharmacy to come in and set up/ all done thru video face chat with pharmacist/ we may have to go before the state pharmacy board/ EDA & Council took under advisement.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: Maud Borup addition- dealing with their architect on new addition; will see more action as summer comes. Also, possible variance request coming.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the March report: Sales were \$71,187: up \$10,000 from February, but down \$4,000 from March 2015. Mar. GP margin = 40%. Collins reported: closed now on Sunday's until football season/ St. Pat's Festivities went really well / customer appreciation went well/ new cleaners seem to be doing good job/ April will bring garage sales weekend. Discussed corner intersection parking; asked for 4-way stop.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of March: 128 calls @ 2,370 miles patrolled/ total calls up 13%, total miles down 8% for 2016. Pfarr also reported: new squad is on the road; discussed the graphics on the car with council, reported good comments on the vehicle & graphics. This week is Weather Awareness Week; explained the tornado warning sirens system to the public.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- spring sweeping is completed already/ was bad winter for street frost boils/ digging up the failing storm sewer for the school on West Washington Street.
 - Parks- replaced 2+ inches of red rock on ballfields/ rolled all ballfields in town with big roller from Johnson Construction/ bathrooms open this wknd for garage sales.
 - Water- Well #1 is up and running after repair.
- 1) Recycling/ Refuse bag problem with non-city bags being thrown into the truck: Roemhildt suggested we need to add staff on Sat. morning to prevent this. Mayor Fredrickson stated that staff & residents should report this when they see it happen. Staff try more signage and camera the truck to see who is violators.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Lexington Avenue Project update/ Engineer Hawbaker handed out the proposed "Plans & Specs" and new estimated total of \$2,736,106 for the project. Discussed the ad for bids, the bid due date, opening of bids, and approval at May 10 council meeting. CenterPoint Energy will start next week; to get ahead of the project.
- a) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to adopt **Resolution No. 2016A**, thereby Approving the Plans & Specs and Ordering the Advertisement of Bids for Lexington Avenue Improvement Project. Approved unanimously.
 - b) Request from county to suspend the "2 Hr. Parking" during the project: council generally felt No, we don't want county employees taking up our parking spaces that people need to park at our local businesses.

G) County Fair/ Nancy Stauff

Ms. Stauff reported: county should be moved out of 4-H Building by June/ yes to monster trucks again at the fair next two years/ purchasing two new sets of movable bleachers/ trying to expand on car show for Sunday/ considering construction of a new horse barn with rooms for meetings, get-togethers, cards, etc./ expanding the camping options for summer campers @ \$15 per night. Council brought up the bad, moldy smell left over from the corn being piled all winter near the demolition field.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Alano Club property: Engineer Hawbaker updated the council; referenced the maps included in the packet.
- B) Administrator Collins asked council to set the sale prices for the two residential lots now owned by the city. After some discussion: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to set the Cordova Ave. lot at \$5,000 and the Maple Ave. lot at \$10,000. Approved unanimously. Collins directed to check with county on the proper values of each property since they differ from the current property tax statements.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) TCU School referendum presentation: See Previous Above.
- B) House of Insurance/ LMC ins. review: See Previous Above.
- C) City-wide junk drop-off in 2016? After some discussion: Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Meidlinger, Yes- to hold the city-wide junk drop-off program on Fri. & Sat. June 10th and June 11th same as in past years. Approved unanimously. Staff volunteer to help.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve the 2016 City & School Field Lease Agreement. Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson noted the next Le Sueur County Official's Meeting is Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 PM in Le Center at the American Legion.
- C) Collins noted the 2015 Mid-Continent cable report showing +\$4,000 revenue over 2014
- D) Council generally agreed: plant more perennials, less flowers, but more color at the "Welcome to Le Center" sign on Hwy 99.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:53 PM.