

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from April 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 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/ Received another \$1,000 from Fiberglass Fabricators towards their loan/ Telepharmacy: takes time, planning a trip to view a Telepharmacy in Minnesota, trying to find an established willing pharmacist.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: Maud Borup plans are in; big addition/ P & Z meeting coming up with two possible variance requests coming.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the April report: Sales were \$71,807: up \$700 from March, and up \$400 from April 2015. April GP margin = 39%. YTD Sales up \$8,500. Collins reported: May events include bean bag tourney, graduation parties, Memorial Day wknd.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of April: 135 calls @ 2,833 miles patrolled/ total calls up 18%, total miles down 2% for 2016. Pfarr also reported: "protection" calls are up/ just completed Post Board review of city records.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Depts

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- completing street striping and painting storm sewers/ fixed watermain break on East Ottawa Street near Winco.
- Parks- parks are all open for summer/ pool being patched & painted by Fredrickson.
- Refuse- a few more instances of illegal dumping into the truck being investigated/ city staff invented a “packer” to help smash the recycling down on Saturdays.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

1) Lexington Avenue Project: Engineer Hawbaker handed out the official Abstract of Bids received for the project showing eight (8) total bidders with Chard Tiling & Excav. of Belle Plaine MN as the low bidder at \$2,074,999.00; and a letter of recommendation that council officially accept their low bid to perform the work. Council discussed the possibility of BMI reducing their fee; since the awarded bid came in so low. Hawbaker stated that “might” be possible.

- a) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to adopt **Resolution No. 2016B**, thereby Accepting the Chard Bid of \$2,074,999.00 & Ordering them to perform the work for Lexington Avenue Improvement Project. Approved unanimously.
- b) Administrator Collins explained some of the questions Ehlers Financial had related to the bonding of this project. After some discussion; Council generally agreed: move \$130,000 yearly into the Revenue Contribution column/ No to a full credit rating review by S & P/ maybe make the int. rate be 1% over TIC.
- c) Collins presented an alternate parking request from the county for their employee parking vehicles during the project. Request was for Minnesota Street along the courthouse and Park Avenue along the courthouse & jail. After some discussion; council generally felt No, this would take up too much of the area business parking spots.

G) County Fair/ Nancy Stauff

Ms. Stauff reported: corn feed is ON for Thursday during Fair/ 4H would like to do dog shows during the horse shows at the arena/ Sanctioned goat show on Friday/ baking & cooking contest on Sunday/ county will be out of 4H Building within two weeks/ two new sets of movable bleachers are coming to assemble/ Monster Truck will be back this year/ camping= \$15.00 per night, signs will be put up- but council stated city will NOT be responsible for foul balls thru camper windows or dents.

H) Pool/ Mgr. Dorothy Dinwiddie

Swim Lesson registration is set for June 2 for staff/ considered 2016 Pool Fees: discussed season pass prices for In-town vs. Out-town rates. Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to eliminate the Out of city season pass rates, and have one season pass rates (Individual = \$125.00/ Family = \$150.00) Approved unanimously.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Alano Club property: Council directed Engineer Hawbaker, Attorney Moran, Collins, & Roemhildt to meet and get this settled; cheaply, & bring solution to June council meeting.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson announced the city-wide junk drop-off for Friday, June 10 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM and Saturday, June 11 from 7:00 AM to 12 noon. Staff put in paper.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the 2016 Liquor License list for On-Sale Club Licenses (VFW & Legion), Strong beer & wine license (Home Plate), and 3.2% or Strong beer (Men's Softball League, Braves over 35 Baseball, Community Club, St. Mary's Church Festival, County Sheriff's Posse, Sportsmen's Club, DRW Women's Softball, For the Love of Joshua). Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Meidlinger, to approve the grant agreement with Minnesota Department of Health, Clean Water Fund for up to \$10,000.00. City staff applied for this grant regarding Wellhead Protection issues. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the appointments to the 2016 city safety committee: Wally Blaschko, Tara Nusbaum, Chris Collins, Dan Steffen, and Brad Collins. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, to deny the request of city employee for Comp. Time pay-out as overtime. This has been requested several times by city employees; but council feels that By Definition, comp. time was not meant to be paid out as overtime, but used when needed, as time off from work. Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson noted the next Le Sueur County Official's Meeting is Thursday, May 26 at 6:30 PM in Elysian at the American Legion.
- C) Mayor Fredrickson & Administrator Collins noted the public "Weed Notice" has been published and is now in effect. "Residents please mow your yard."

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:10 PM.