

CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 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 July 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 Harmeyer, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

- 1) Director Collins explained the "Right of First Refusal" requested by Le Sueur Co. for the two city-owned Hwy 99 lots had been considered and approved by the EDA Board at their July 26 meeting. After some discussion; Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the "Right of First Refusal" agreement requested by Le Sueur County. Approved by 4-1 vote; Councilman Meidlinger voting No.

B) P & Z Report

- 1) Director Block explained the request for lot alteration in Woods Edge Subdivision (PUD) by owner Dennis Woelfel. Planning & Zoning had considered the request at their August 2 meeting and came up with these Findings of Fact: Alteration would turn 4 lots into 3, but still comply with current setback rules/ official lot lines and new descriptions would be drawn and recorded with the county at owner expense/ felt the owner would actually be taking a penalty by losing one lot and felt this was a reasonable request. P & Z Board unanimously passed recommendation of request. After some discussion; Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to approve the "lot alteration" request based on the P & Z Findings of Fact. Approved unanimously.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the July report: Sales were \$79,906: up \$6,700 from June, and up \$200 from July 2015. July GP margin = 33.76%. YTD Sales up \$10,332 and YTD Expenses up by \$2,200. Food profit = 29.21%. Collins reported: bus trip to Canterbury Park race track was successful/ July 4th was busy/ Co. Fair starts next week.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of July: 138 calls @ 2,550 miles patrolled/ total calls up 13%, total miles down 5% for 2016. Pfarr also reported: new squad car vehicle repair was under warranty/ tail-light covered under warranty/ mostly dealing with thefts and burglaries in city.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Water- water-main gate valve failed; we replaced it.
- Streets- we did the mill & overlay blacktopping on No. Waterville Ave. & Tyrone Street with the money in the budget.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Lexington Avenue Project: Engineer Hawbaker reported: blacktop is completed from Hwy 99 down to Minnesota Street/ Factor car wash blacktop is completed/ water & sewer is completed up to Washington Street.
- 2) Administrator Collins presented and explained the final Closing & Post Sale Report for the \$2,655,000 G.O. Improvement Bonds (2016A).

G) County Fair/ Nancy Stauff (not present)

Councilman Harmeyer, county fair appointee, reported: Thursday night is the free corn feed/ Friday night is the demo derby/ Saturday night is the monster truck & tractor pull/ & Sunday is the Ranch Rodeo & classic car show.

H) Pool/ Mgr. Dorothy Dinwiddie

Ms. Dinwiddie reported: July receipts were 11,842.00; up \$4,000+ from 2015. Total deposits to date = \$38,515.50, up slightly from 2015/ requested city hall staff to Hold some paychecks to lifeguards/ TCU Community Ed had used the pool several times/ 3 teen night- open swims were planned/ two private parties had used the pool/ paint chipping and conc. chunks popped out under water/ no major injuries so far/ closing pool next week Wed. before county fair starts/ taking two older stainless steel guard chairs from the Montgomery pool for free/ lesson #'s appear to be down/ possible drug deal went down inside the pool; participants left just before cops arrived.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Alano Club property: Admin. Collins reported he forwarded the council's proposal to give them the approx. 6 ft. of property for no cost. They wondered is there a restriction on the width of a R.O.W. (no) & would it really cost them \$ -0- to deed it over to them? (yes) Collins will continue to negotiate this with them.

- B) Tax Forfeited Property: Council considered the property at 42 North Waterville Avenue for either public auction, purchase for city use, or claim for use as a public purpose. After some discussion about the amount of actual public alley property between the Muni and this property; and how much of it belongs to this property; and some possible public purpose uses for this property: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to adopt and approve Resolution No. 2016F, thereby holding this property from sale and conveying it to City of Le Center for an authorized public purpose use. Approved by 4-1 vote; Councilman Meidlinger voting No.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Consider new Opt-Out of temporary family health care dwellings ordinance: public hearing held earlier that evening. Based upon the Planning & Zoning Board Findings of Fact: Motion by Meidlinger, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-1, thereby approving the Opt-Out of the requirements of Minn. Statute 462.3593, which defines and regulates temporary family health care dwellings. Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor & Council set a Budget Workshop Meeting for Tuesday, August 30 @ 6:30 pm including administrator and department heads.

Mayor Fredrickson instructed Dept. Heads to complete employee reviews & wage rate suggestions by Sept. 15 and set Administrator wage review for Sept. 22 @ 6:30 pm.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Administrator Collins read and reported the city had achieved pay equity compliance of local government pay equity act requirements, as required.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson read the entire Notice of Filings Open For Le Center City Offices.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Meidlinger, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:00 PM.