

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ** (Amended)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, C. Harmeyer, D. Woelfel, J. Weiers, C. Scott

Absent: None

**** Oath of Office by Administrator Collins to Mayor Fredrickson, Councilmembers
Christian Harmeyer & Collin Scott.**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from December 13, 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

Director Collins reported: No meetings- nothing to report.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: No meetings- nothing to report. Block stated the plan-set for the Miller Homes mini-storage building had been received.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the December report: Sales were \$85,124: up \$13,900 from November, and up \$3,700 from Dec. 2015. December GP margin = 37.37%. YTD Revenues up by \$5,476 & YTD Expenses down by \$22,000. Food profit = 38.27%. Collins also reported: Dec. Dart tourney, & Sunday football went well. January events include: Pfeiffer tourney, Dart tourney, Meat Raffle, & Cribbage tourney. Jan. 29 is the Sunday Tailgate Party & Drawings. Year-end inventory count for audit went well with EideBailly. Total 2016 Revenues including bar, pull tabs, & apts. totaled = \$900,000.00. Bar side was down a bit/ Off-sale was up a bit. Yearly store total GPM = 35.57%. Discussed the ways events were advertised: signage in store, Facebook, & KRBI Radio. Perhaps check into putting a monthly calendar of store events published in LC Leader.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of December: 176 calls @ 2,370 miles patrolled/ total calls up 11%, total miles down 12% for 2016.

- 1) Pfarr went thru year-end totals; highlighted “protection issues” increased numbers due to the County paperwork charge.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported: 2016 total recycling was up by 5 tons/ co-mingle = same/ Refuse collected was down by 9 tons.

- Parks- Skating rink was open before Christmas with much use; until the warm weather started melting the ice down. Staff works hard to keep it open.
- Refuse- Saturday morning recycling could use some more kids help. Kids should apply at city hall.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Lexington Avenue Project: Engineer Hawbaker was absent/ no report.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Methodist Church request for streetlight on corner of Cordova & Tyrone streets: Administrator updated council: after receiving the \$ cost to install another light; and not wanting the light to go on the corner, but on the light pole next to their driveway for more parking lot light- Church has decided to put this on hold. They will consider placing a light on the back of their building to get their desired result.
- B) **Amended:** After discussion: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to waive WAC & SAC fees for new residential and commercial construction for 2017; thru December 31, 2017. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the 2017 City/ County Recycling Services Agreement; accepting new monthly fee of \$2,300. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the 2017 City/ Fire Commission Agreement; for same \$77,500 yearly fee as 2016. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the 2017 City/ Ambulance Commission Agreement; for same \$33,985 yearly fee as 2016. Approved unanimously.

- D) After some discussion on the changes from 2016: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the 2017 Mayoral Appointments List. Approved unanimously.
- E) Mayor Fredrickson request to change the April 11 council meeting, as he will be out of state: After some discussion: Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Weiers, to move the April regular council meeting to Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to name Tara M. Nusbaum as the city “Data Practices Designee” for the Data Practices Policy. Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson noted the next Le Sueur County Official’s Meeting for Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 pm @ Waterville.
- C) After some discussion: Council generally agreed to set Goals Workshop Meeting for Thursday, January 26 @ 6:00 pm with meal.
- D) Close Meeting: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to close the council meeting for negotiations concerning the sale of real property. 7:50 PM. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Fredrickson explained the possible sale of two Hwy 99 lots to County. Attorney Moran explained his discussion with County Administrator Pettis & his suggested offer. Much discussion on: amount of offer/ how long lots for sale/ waive WAC & SAC/ waive or reduce building permit amount/ will city building inspector adjust the fee for the city? Council generally agreed: allow Atty Moran to negotiate an agreement with the county on terms, considering council wishes.

Re-Open Meeting: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to re-open the council meeting to the public. Approved unanimously. 8:42 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Weiers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:42 PM.