

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, D. Woelfel, C. Harmeyer, J. Weiers, C. Scott
Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from January 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be amended & approved. Approved unanimously. (Amended to read: waive WAC & SAC fees for new residential **and** commercial const.)
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, Notes from Goals, Wants Workshop Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Council changes to Agenda: ADD: New Bus. C) Wellhead Protection Plan ordinance change & New Bus. D) Special Permit request to close street.

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 updated council on the current situation concerning the TelePharm Company/ tele-pharmacy: Rep says basically nothing is happening at this time.
- 2) Consider purchase agreement from Le Sueur County for sale of two Hwy 99 lots: Attorney Moran explained his proposed purchase agreement with the county, already approved by the county board. After some discussion: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to sell the two Hwy 99 lots (Lots 1 & 2 of Block 5, in Horizon Addition) to Le Sueur County for the negotiated agreed to price of \$175,000 total. Approved unanimously.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: the plans for Miller Homes mini-storage building not yet completed; still working on foundation plans. Quite a few rental house inspections are completed. Not much feedback so far on the moratorium order.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the January report: Sales were \$62,537: down \$22,500 from December, and down \$4,300 from Jan. 2016. January GP margin = 39.57%. YTD Revenues down by \$4,600 & YTD Expenses down by \$11,800. Food profit = 35.89%. Collins also reported: January events included: Pfeiffer tourney, Dart tourney, Meat Raffle, & open for Sunday football is done. February events will include Pfeiffer, Cribbage, paint event, meat raffle, and chili & soup contest. Certain events will be on the community calendar in Leader. Building renovations: received final specs of blueprints.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of January: 158 calls @ 2,104 miles patrolled/ total calls up 30%, total miles down 4% for 2017. Letters will be sent out to downtown businesses reminding them of the 2 Hr. parking restriction.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- ice removal from streets was very hard/ filled potholes/ will sweep street before St. Pat's Parade.
- Parks- skating rink was in great shape; now not so much due to warm weather/ damaged merry-go-round removed from North Park.
- Wastewater- school for Curt & Pat upcoming/ city received an award again for our work done at the treatment plant; presented at state conference in March.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Lexington Avenue Project: Engineer Hawbaker reported: 4-6 weeks until road restrictions will be off/ will paint up street at Minnesota St. intersection for the work on replacing the cracked concrete/ possibly May for final wear-course blacktop/ start thinking about the assessment hearing timeline/ sealcoat schedule map= purple & gold streets may get done next year.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins & Attorney Moran reported that the Weber property located at 42 North Waterville Ave. was now officially owned by the city as of January 12. Moran had submitted the application for property tax exemption.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Swim Pool walk-thru: after discussion, council agreed to meet Tuesday, March 7 @ 6:15 PM to tour the swimming pool and look for possible upgrades & improvements.
- B) Sealcoat schedule: See above, previous discussion.
- C) Wellhead Protection Plan: consider changing water utility ordinance under the grant money received. Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Harmeyer, to schedule the public hearing for such change on Tuesday, May 9 @ 6:30 PM. Approved unanimously.
- D) Request by American Legion to close Park Ave. for St. Pat's Parade & celebration: Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the Special Event Permit. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Administrator Collins presented & explained the Upcoming Debt Service Payments schedule for 2017. Just an F.Y.I. for the council.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson noted the next Le Sueur County Official's Meeting for Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 pm @ Le Center American Legion. Council try to be there.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:55 PM.

Chris L. Collins, Administrator, City of Le Center, MN