

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

**\*\* MINUTES \*\***

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, Minutes from February 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council changes to Agenda: ADD: Reports G) Fair Assoc./ Nancy Stauff

**III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, 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. Attorney Moran reported the resolution to approve the warranty deed & sale of lots to the county would be on the April agenda.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: lots of calls on building and zoning questions. Most rental inspections are getting done. Future P & Z meeting will be upcoming.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the February report: Sales were \$60,838: down \$1,600 from January, and up \$125 from Feb. 2016. February GP margin = 38.75%. YTD Revenues down by \$5,500 & YTD Expenses down by \$5,300. Food profit = 36.04%. Collins also reported: February events included: Pfeiffer tourney, Paint event, Meat Raffle, Cribbage tourney, and chili & soup feed. March events will include Wine Tasting, St. Pat's Celebration, "Block, Paper, Scissors event," and Pfeiffer tourney. April 1<sup>st</sup> is Customer Appreciation Day all day in the Muni with a band. Discussion on Sunday Liquor opening and how it will affect the Muni; change of language in the city ordinance is needed for Sunday Liquor opening to take place. Add to April agenda.

- 1) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to adopt **Resolution No. 2017B**, thereby approving and accepting the low bid of \$131,972.00 from Tom Oak Concrete of Le Center- for the improvements to the liquor store building. Approved unanimously.

#### D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of February: 102 calls @ 1,877 miles patrolled/ total calls up 5%, total miles down 15% for 2017. Pfarr reported it had been a very quiet, slow month.

#### E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- sweeping streets (for sand) and filling potholes with cold mix.
- Sewers- storm sewer repair on North Cordova Avenue.
- Water- Well #3 failed on March 6; motor burned out. We need to pump 750 GPM of water to run the water treatment plant; and Well #3 contributed to this. We need to replace the motor and wiring for an estimated cost of \$35,000.00 total.

#### F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Lexington Ave. Project: Engineer Hawbaker reported: sanitary sewer connection problem at Miller Real Estate corner has been fixed; covered under warranty. Chard Const. has been sold- should not affect the finish of our project. Warranty will transfer with the sale of the company. Trees will be planted at some point when the project is finished.
- 2) 2017 Mill and Overlay: one block of Lanesburgh St. and three blocks of Tyrone St. will be sent/bid out to 10 contractors and approve winning bid at May meeting.

#### G) County Fair Association

Nancy Stauff was present to update council on the August 17 – 20, 2017 Fair: New events include possible outdoor movie/ robotics/ bean bag tourney/ baking contest/ and classic car show again. Will be putting up new signs to regulate the semi truck and trailer parking in the back lot; too much permanent parking goes on back there.

### V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

### VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Swimming Pool items: Pool Committee (Jenny & Collin) meet with Administrator Collins and Manager Dinwiddie to prioritize the list and check into the cost of some of the items.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Fredrickson reported: Notice of Board of Appeal & Equalization Hearing for city residents is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 @ 10 AM – 6 PM at Le Sueur County Courthouse/ Assessor's Office.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to adopt **Resolution No. 2017A**, thereby approving the additions of Anthony M. Larson, Tyler Johnson, & Hunter Hubner to the Police & Fire PERA Plan thru the State of Minn. as required. Approved unanimously.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted the Ehlers update of Potential Refunding of Existing Bonds for the City of Le Center. No bonds are ripe for refunding at this time. Info only.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson noted the next Le Sueur County Official's Meeting for Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30 pm @ New Prague Golf Course.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

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