

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from March 14, 2017 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 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/ No report.

- 1) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Scott, to adopt **Resolution No. 2017C**, thereby approving the sale of 2 lots to Le Sueur County via warranty deed. Approved unan.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: P & Z meeting will be upcoming this month for "Re-zoning" request application. Block explained procedure covering the re-zone application.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the March report: Sales were \$75,210: up \$14,300 from February, and up \$4,000 from Mar. 2016. March GP margin = 41.0%. YTD Revenues down by \$700 & YTD Expenses up by \$27,000. Food profit = 31.68%. Collins also reported: March events included: wine tasting, St. Pat's celebration, Block, Paper, Scissors event, & Pfeiffer tourney. St. Pat's event was up \$850 over last year. April events will include Customer Appreciation, meat raffle, dart tourney, and another Block, Paper, Scissors event. Now closed on Sundays. Building renovation looks great, approx. 3 weeks be done, cleaning up inside bar and off-sale from dust. Asst. Manager Rebecca Vikla passed her food license test; she is the licensed food person for Muni.

- 1) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to set Tuesday, May 9 @ 6:15 pm for the public hearing to consider changing city ordinance regarding Sunday liquor Off-sales. Approved unanimously.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of March: 105 calls @ 2,080 miles patrolled/ total calls down 3%, total miles down 14% for 2017. Pfarr discussed the county endorsed “check diversion program” was being discontinued on June 15th due to the decline in bad checks written.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Parks- staff will be opening parks with water & sewer by next week.
- Pool- has been drained & cleaned. Dave F. has started work on the collar already. Mgr. Dinwiddie inquired if there were other, better products to use on the collar, not just paint? Staff will do some checking into this.
- Streets- school signs being replaced; not reflective enough. Flowers for all street light poles downtown: 25 baskets @ \$61.00 each = \$1,525.00. Council generally agreed to purchase the flowers from the street fund.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Lexington Ave. Project: Engineer Hawbaker reported: no word from Chard company as to when they plan to finish the project; probably after the hot mix plants open and the spring weight restrictions come off.
- 2) 2017 Mill and Overlay: one block of Lanesburgh St. and three blocks of Tyrone St. will be bid; with bid opening May 4th and approval at May 9th council meeting.

G) County Fair Association: No report.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Dorothy Dinwiddie spoke to the council: she would like to see a “dog park” put in Le Center. Many area cities have them (St. Peter, Lonsdale, Le Sueur, Belle Plaine). Insurance is only \$20+ per year on city property. This can be an asset to encourage people to move to town. Plant trees, place benches, etc. Two fence system: up to 25 lbs. and over 25 lbs. She will contact the fair association for space, too.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted: Notice of Board of Appeal & Equalization for Le Center city residents is Tuesday, April 11 @ 10 am – 6 pm at Le Sueur County assessor’s office.

- B) Set 1st rental housing “moratorium” committee meeting: table until May council meeting.
- C) Set public hearing to amend water ordinance & wellhead protection plan: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to set public hearing for Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 pm just before regular council meeting. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Darian Hunt/ House of Insurance presented the 2017 League of Minnesota Cities insurance review: property, liability, auto insurance decreased by \$2,192 and worker’s compensation insurance decreased by \$250. City did receive a \$27,816 dividend from LMC thru the dividend program (our largest ever). Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, Yes waive the \$500,000 state statute tort limit for \$2M. Approved unanimous.
- B) “Friends of Library” letter: Diane Wild presented their list of items requested. Council and staff offered the following: paint library and council chambers at same time/ yes already planning to shampoo the carpets/ yes already planning to replace the damaged tiles on the floor/ noted the water leakage & damage along the north door/ asked for a handicap accessible main door entry with auto door. After much discussion; Council instructed building official C. Block to check door entry and bring back options.
- C) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, to approve the 2017 City & School Field Lease Agreement as written. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted the next Le Sueur County Official’s Meeting for Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm @ Montgomery.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:58 PM.

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