

**** PUBLIC HEARING ****

CITY OF LE CENTER
LE CENTER CITY HALL
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 @ 6:15 PM

To consider Amending Liquor Ordinance Sec. 4-57 (c) Hours of Sale AND Sec. 4-89 Closing Hours; as related to new state statute concerning Sunday Sales.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, C. Scott, C. Harmeyer, J. Weiers, D. Woelfel
Absent: None
Staff: Administrator Collins, Attorney Moran, Liquor Asst. Mgr. R. Vikla

II. CITY ATTORNEY PRESENTATION

Attorney Moran explained the proposed amended liquor ordinance; to consider and allow for the recent state statute changes related to Sunday Liquor sales and hours. Moran explained the state legislature has changed the statute to now allow for Sunday sales of off-sale liquor during certain hours; starting on July 2, 2017. City would need to amend its current liquor ordinance to reflect these changes and to allow them to be utilized in the City of Le Center. City council would still have the option as to whether it would allow Sunday off-sale liquor sales.

III. COUNCIL QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Council generally felt this was a good idea to amend the ordinance as it relates to our Municipal Liquor Store off-sale. Asst. Mgr. R. Vikla stated they would probably start with Off-sale being open from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sundays.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS & TESTIMONY

No public present/ No public comments, questions, or testimony.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion; Mayor Fredrickson closed the Public Hearing.
6:21 PM

Chris L. Collins, City Administrator

*** PUBLIC HEARING ***

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TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

To consider Amending Chapter 42 Utilities by adding new Section 42-65 specifically; An ordinance prohibiting private wells, AND adding new Section 42-66 specifically; An ordinance requiring connection to the city's water service.

*** MINUTES ***

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: None

Staff: Administrator Collins, Attorney Moran, Supt. Roemhildt

II. PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY & STAFF

City Attorney Moran explained the proposed ordinances concerning wells located in the city; and required connections to city water service.

Wells: staff feels it is in the best interest of city residents to prohibit private wells inside the city limits. Private wells are the number one source of contamination getting into city's water supply. The State MDH and Minnesota Rural Water Assoc. both suggest prohibiting private wells and seeing that they are properly sealed shut. This is also recommend in the City Wellhead Protection Plan. Connections: city staff recommends the ordinance flatly state that connection to the city's water service is required. Minnesota Rural Water Assoc. suggests that our current ordinance is lacking this requirement; and does highly recommend that we add this into our water utilities ordinance. Atty Moran stated that option B-2 goes hand in hand with option A-2; basically says you must hook up to the city water system if it is available to the property. Moran also noted that a state grant was received to use towards these two changes to our city ordinance.

III. COUNCIL QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Many questions were asked by the city council concerning the sealing of private wells:

Woelfel: how do we go back and tell someone who just bought a house in town with a well, and was told that he can use it, that now he has to pay to cap his well?

Scott: we must think public safety first; we can't have some people with private wells, and most with not.

Atty Moran: there may be some money available to cap these wells. If needed, city could pay up front, and then could special assess this onto their property taxes. It is a benefit to that property.

Mayor Fredrickson: it is important to remember that this is a water supply source protection for the city.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS & TESTIMONY

No public present/ No public comments, questions, or testimony.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Fredrickson closed the public hearing. 6:48 pm.

Chris L. Collins, Administrator, City of Le Center