

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: C. Harmeyer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Weiers, Minutes from July 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to Agenda: ADD: Admin. B) Set assessment hearing date

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, 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/ some interest in leasing the medical clinic building is pending/ Mayor suggested polling the EDA members for a meeting soon.

B) P & Z Report

1) Director Corey Block reported: Sept. 6 public hearing coming for variance request/ No movement on Miller storage unit buildings/ some contact with River Country Cooperative for city data for their new their new plant.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the July report: Sales were \$84,680: up \$4,500 from June, and up \$4,700 from July 2016. YTD Revenues up by \$18,600 & YTD Exp. down by \$3,000. July GP margin = 34.61%. Food profit = 29.82%. Collins also reported: July sales were as good as any month in any year previous/ Sunday sales are averaging \$1,000 per day/ football season + open Sundays will start end of August. August activities: new Beerzza promotion/ new drink specials/ busy Co. Fair Aug. 17-20.

1) Building renovation update: still trying to get the new awnings installed/ council agreed: get rid of old awning signs for whatever we can get.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of July: 195 calls @ 2,682 miles patrolled/ total calls up 7%, total miles down 8% for 2017. Pfarr reported: police recovered a fitness tracker; owner can claim by describing to him.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- blacktop patching is done/ Lexington Ave. striping is done around school.
 - Boulevards & R.O.W.- CenterPoint Energy will be replacing gas mains & service lines thru out the city.
 - Trees- 25 trees are planted on Lexington Ave./ 45 left to do this fall yet.
- 1) Mill & Overlay is completed; added additional street w/ left-over budget money.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

1) Engineer Hawbaker reported: Lexington Avenue Project is completed.

- a) Chard final payment #9 request: Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Weiers, to pay Invoice #9 for \$41,563.46 amount, pending all paperwork is submitted to Bolton & Menk by Chard. Approved unanimously.

G) Pool Report- Manager Dinwiddie reported: month of July took in \$10,756.00. Total Revenues collected = \$35,897.50/ down a couple thousand from last year. Hosted 3 teen nights in July/ 2 private parties yet this weekend/ pool closes next week Wed.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Jennifer Nelson from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation addressed the council: explained what they do/ mentioned some local businesses they've helped/ Oct. 17 is annual luncheon/ explained Small Town Grant program for \$5,000/ stated Le Sueur Co. receives \$13.00 paid back for every \$1.00 contributed. Council thanked her for coming.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) American Legion letter request for "loading zone/ No Parking zone" on Park Avenue in front of their entire building: Council had asked for the commander to appear to be sure what exactly they were asking for. Councilman Scott spoke for the Legion request. After much discussion; Council was generally not in favor of no parking in front of the entire building. No action taken without more information.
- B) Administrator Collins explained the possible refunding of two older bonds will probably take place that week after all. Favorable interest rates have now made this a probability.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) TCU Community Ed board representative is needed from the council. There were no volunteers. Mayor Fredrickson volunteered to attend all meetings in 2017; but he would be assigning a council member in January 2018 under the appointments list.
- B) Administrator Collins asked if the council had any staff direction to be taken concerning the Dan Weber building; which the city now owns? Council generally agreed: no plan of action at this time/ have an asbestos test done on the building/ get a price to tear it down.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Set next rental housing moratorium committee meeting: members send dates to Collins for a September committee meeting.
- B) Set Lexington Avenue Project Assessment Hearing: after some discussion; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Weiers, to hold the assessment hearing on Tuesday, October 10 @ 6:00 pm at city hall before the regular council meeting. This would give staff time to publish and mail out all the required notices and Bolton & Menk time to complete the assessment roll. Approved unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Woelfel, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:15 PM.