

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, D. Woelfel, C. Harmeyer, J. Weiers, C. Scott (7:10 pm)
Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from September 12, 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: meeting held Thurs. Sept. 21 @ 5:00 pm the EDA Board did agree to fix the Industrial Park business signs and get them back up/ discussed and agreed to re-contact TelePharm Company to update them on our situation/ updated them on the progress of the River Country Cooperative which plans to move their entire business to just south of the Industrial Park; they have been working with city engineer/ Miller mini-storage units; site plan has finally been approved by building inspector after a few issues resolved. This was the last EDA owned lot in the Park save the 10 ac. Discussed remaining project balances left in two old TIF projects; and what could be done with the money leftover in them. Check with the county.

B) P & Z Report - Director Corey Block absent: No meetings/ No report.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the September report: Sales were \$81,753: down \$1,500 from August, but up \$13,300 from Sept. 2016. YTD Revs up by \$41,325 & YTD Exp. up by \$14,000 after some large purchases. Sept. GP margin = 34.96%. Food GP = 32.64%. Collins reported: Total Sales should top \$900,000 for the first time/ Sept. Labor Day wknd was good/ now open Sundays for football/ October birthday club, meat raffle, tailgate party, wine tasting party @ Legion. Awnings coming in next few weeks.
(Councilman Scott arrived)

- 1) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to accept the Liquor Committee recommendation to approve Rebecca Vikla as F/T Liquor Assistant Manager/ no longer on employee probation/ + wage increase & benefits. Approved unanimous.

D) Police Department

Police Officer Hintz reported on the police activities for month of Sept.: 200 calls @ 2,618 miles patrolled/ total calls up 14%, total miles down 4% for 2017. Hintz also reported: many stray dog complaints; reminded residents they could get a pet license for free from city hall, then staff not have to board pet at kennel and resident must pay to get pet back/ chief and officers currently renewing their 1st Responders certification.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- sweeping the streets; taking the leaves to compost in Mankato.
- Boulevards & R.O.W.- CenterPoint Energy done this Sat./ then restoration group in.
- Water- leak at Legion Club curb/sidewalk: will dig up next week.
- Parks- closing down parks and shutting off water & bathrooms.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker reported: wrapped up the Lexington Avenue assessment hearing earlier in the evening/ working on “as-builts” from the project/ River Country Cooperative project is still moving forward.

- G) Pool Report- Mayor Fredrickson noted the final report bottom line: pool operations lost approx. \$31,000 for 2017; or \$6,000 more than last year.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no petitions, requests, comments, or communications from the general public. There were no comments on the 2018 Preliminary Budget or Levy from the general public.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted that there was no public hearing needed to consider amending the golf cart ordinance; since no changes were necessary in the end.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson announced the final budget & levy “Public Comment Meeting” for Tuesday, December 12, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.
- C) Mayor Fredrickson reported where to call or send public comments on the 2018 budget or levy to: City Hall/ 357-4450 Attn: Chris Collins.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Scott, Seconded by Weiers, to set the public hearing to consider amending the Housing & Rental Code Ordinance as related to public safety for Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm at city hall. Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson read an IRIS proclamation recognizing National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Day for October 15, 2017 and did so proclaim.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced the next County Official's Meeting for Wednesday, October 25 @ 6:30 pm at Le Center American Legion; all council try to attend.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:27 PM.

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