

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

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from October 10, 2017  
Lexington Avenue Assessment Hearing be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from October 10, 2017  
Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) 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 gave brief update: has contacted Telepharm about a possible lead for a tele-pharmacy in Le Center; he and the Telepharm sales rep will pursue this. Collins reported that he had made contact to repair the Industrial Park signs damaged by wind.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: County Justice Center dirt is moving/ a few new house permits are possibly in the works.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the October report: Sales were \$72,694: down \$9,000 from September, but up \$1,600 from Oct. 2016. YTD Rev. up by \$42,745 & YTD Exp. up by \$25,869 after some large purchases. Oct. GP margin = 37.49%. Food GP = 27.29%. Collins reported: Total Sales still on pace for \$900,000 for the first time/ Oct. features country western night, meat raffle, Sunday football, Halloween party, & a craft night. Nov. features Pfeiffer tourney, craft night, memorial V.B. tourney group, meat raffle, open in bar on Thanksgiving Day, Holly Dazzle parade Nov. 25. Awnings are up!

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of October: 176 calls @ 2,298 miles patrolled/ total calls up 16%, total miles down 2% for 2017. Pfarr also reported: squad finished up with Firearms Qualifications/ met with Atty Moran & added 23 more violations to the county system; will make it easier & more efficient to enforce the nuisance, parking, & traffic violations. Calls are up due to child protection issues.

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

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- much crosswalk painting done on Cordova Ave. + speed signs added/ blacktop repairs done on W. Lanesburgh St./ had to sand streets this past weekend.
- Boulevards & R.O.W.- been very involved at Justice Center area sewer/water and River Country Coop area sewer/water cutting into our streets & re-blacktopping.
- Wastewater Plant- hauled out bio-solids last week onto our 80 acre farm field.
- Refuse- reminder garbage pickup is Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week/ chipper will still be out for a few more weeks on Saturdays.
- Parks- poured concrete pads for dugouts at North Park ballfield.

## F) Bolton &amp; Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker gave an update on his work involving the County Justice Center/ and discussed River Country Cooperative project list of requirements.

**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) Dan Weber building: Collins presented estimates for asbestos abatement and demo of the building. After discussion, Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Woelfel, do the asbestos abatement now for \$5,970; hold off on the demo until 2018. Approved unanimously.
- 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) Collins explained the SMIF Small Town Grant awarded to TCU School/ LC/ Monty/ & Lonsdale cities for a feasibility study for a possible trail project between the three TCU school communities. Grant will go towards hiring an engineering firm to do the study.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the 2018 City/ County Recycling Services Agreement. (same as 2017) Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt the new Amended Ordinance Chapter 41: Housing & Rental Property Code. Approved unanimously. This goes into effect upon publication in newspaper. This removes moratorium on new rental properties.
- D) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the Assessment Certification list of delinquent utilities & abatements to the county auditor for collection. Approved unan.
- E) Mayor Fredrickson read a TCU School proclamation thereby proclaiming Nov. 13-17 as American Education Week in City of Le Center.

## **VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.**

- A) Collins explained the request by VINE True Transit to launch new rural public transit in Le Sueur, Blue Earth, & Nicollet Counties. VINE is asking our city to purchase bus tokens and then re-sell them to the public for their use towards the public transit. Council generally agreed: not interested in using tax payer money up-front on an unknown venture; possibly a dispenser machine at city hall or courthouse offer them.
- B) Change Tuesday, Feb. 13 council meeting for TCU School referendum vote at city hall council chambers: Table to December meeting/ Collins send a list of recommendations.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business; Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:50 PM.