

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

**** Public Hearing on Final 2018 Net Tax Levy and 2018 Total Budget ****

City Administrator Collins explained the 2018 levy & budget bottom lines; stating that they were exactly the same as the approved September preliminary max allowed. There were no questions, comments, or discussion from the council or the general public as allowed.

- 1) *Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt **Resolution No. 2017K**, thereby approving 2018 Final Net Tax Levy of \$1,085,442 (+ 0.0361%). Approved unanimously.*
- 2) *Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt **Resolution No. 2017K**, thereby approving 2018 Final Total Budget of \$3,459,451 (+ 2.0%). Approved unanimously.*

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from November 14, 2017 Public Hearing (Housing & Rental Ord.) be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Woelfel, Minutes from November 14, 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 reported: No meetings/ no report.

- B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: brief update on Justice Center dirt work & footings.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the November report: Sales were \$78,968: up \$6,200 from October, and up \$7,700 from Nov. 2016. YTD Rev. up by \$50,253 & YTD Exp. up by \$23,000 after some large purchases. Nov. GP margin = 38.88%. Food GP = 46.59%. Collins reported: Total Sales still on pace for \$900,000 for the first time/ Nov. review of events/ Dec. events include cribbage, wine tasting, Pfeiffer, trivia contest, football. Lighting is up under the awnings/ stated upcoming Holiday hours to be open.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of November: 217 calls @ 2,402 miles patrolled/ total calls up 13%, total miles down 2% for 2017. Pfarr also reported: thefts are up/ extra patrolling for winter vacationers/ read the winter parking rules reminder/ read the shovel your sidewalk reminder.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Sewers- finished up the sewer jetting schedule for 2017.
- Refuse- finished the leaves hauling for 2017.
- Parks- trying to make a skating rink at West Park.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker gave an update on his work involving the County Justice Center and River Country Cooperative: engineering reviews are completed for both.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Attorney Moran explained the need for a public hearing to consider amending nuisance ordinances into one: council agreed set public hearing for Tuesday, Jan. 9 @ 6:45 PM.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson noted Moody's upgraded the city credit rating to: Baa3 Outlook Stable.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the 2018 - 2020 police officers union agreement; granting 3% wage increases per year. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the 2018 Proposed Employee Wage Sheet as amended (Administrator Collins to 3%). Approved unanimously.

- C) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Weiers, to adopt **Resolution No. 2017J**, thereby officially designating polling places for 2018 elections. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Council generally agreed: change Tuesday, Feb. 13 regular council meeting for TCU School referendum vote at city hall council chambers to: Tuesday, Feb. 20 @ 7:00 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Woelfel, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:30 PM.

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