

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: None

Staff: Deputy Clerk D. Kopet, Office Asst. T. Nusbaum (Admin. Collins absent)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from January 9, 2018 Public Hearing (Nuisance Ord.) be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from January 9, 2018 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 Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins absent: No report.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: March 6 is public hearing for possible moved in house @ 124 North Waterville Avenue. (for C.U.P. and variance request) Mini-storage building has been on hold during winter; permit for this expires in 6 months as long as there is progress in the construction. Justice Center building is progressing well.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Assistant Manager Becky Vikla gave the January report: Sales were \$69,543: down \$19,000 from December, but up \$7,000 from Jan. 2017. YTD Rev. up by \$7,006 & YTD Exp. same. Jan. GP margin = 39.5%. Food GP = 32.06%. Vikla also reported: January events all went well. February events going well thus far. March will be: get ready for St. Pat's Celebration weekend; no bands or specials planned for that weekend, it will be busy enough in the bar.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of January: 180 calls @ 2,286 miles patrolled/ total calls up 14%, total miles up 9% for the year. Pfarr also reported: ended up being only minor repairs on the 2010 Ford Expedition/ got new flooring installed in the police office.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- fixed watermain break @ North Cordova Avenue/ Need to repair the fire hydrant @ South Kilkenny Ave. & West Ottawa Street; a car ran it over. Lots of repairs needed on the loader. Councilman Woelfel asked Roemhildt to look into leasing a new loader every year like we do the bobcat.

- 1) Roemhildt reported we again received a 2017 Wastewater Treatment Plant award; which means we are in yearly state compliance.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker: provided a possible new chip/ seal coating map for the city for 2018/ will have est. \$ cost amounts at March meeting/ advertise for bids in April/ open bids in May and award the project/ do the project in July when its hot. Mayor Fredrickson added: this spring he wants to set the committee for planning the next city street project.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Citizen Jamie Otterdahl spoke at length; about several subjects. Council thanked him for his many thoughts and ideas. There were no other comments or requests from the public.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to extend the waiving of WAC & SAC fees until Dec. 31, 2018 for both new residential & commercial building. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council considered the two bids for the sale of bare city lot located @ 50 South Cordova Avenue: \$5,000 (asking price) vs. \$4,500 other offer. Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Weiers, to accept the \$5,000 offer from Mike Cemensky of Le Center. Approved unan.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-2, thereby approving the new city Chapter 47 "Right of Way Ordinance." Approved unanimously. Public Hearing held earlier that evening.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to adopt Resolution No. 2018A, thereby approving the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement and the court amendment. Approved unanimously.

- C) Council generally agreed to OK the special event permit request by Le Center American Legion to close a portion of Park Ave. on Sat. March 10 for St. Pat's Celebration.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted the next County Official's Meeting for Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Le Center American Legion @ 6:30 PM. All try to make it.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson noted the 2018 Debt Service Payment Schedule provided by Admin. Collins; just for their information.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Weiers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:38 PM.