

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from February 20, 2018 Public Hearing (Right Of Way) be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, Minutes from February 20, 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 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: Industrial Park billboard signs are repaired, replaced and paid for from EDA account.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: public hearing was held March 6 for a moved in house @ 124 North Waterville Avenue by Brian Kocina (for C.U.P. and variance request). P & Z has recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit to move the house in AND the Variance request of 1 ft. on side setbacks. (6 ft. instead of 7 ft.) based on the following findings of fact: House (rambler) wouldn't be an issue aesthetically/ lot has been vacant for a couple years & improvement is desired/ current building codes must be followed/ all other ordinances not specifically addressed in the conditions can be adhered to/ includes all the approved required conditions listed in the P & Z letter of recommendation. Council discussed several of the conditions. Council discussed the setting of the "Irrevocable Letter of Credit" amount. Mayor Fredrickson suggested that amount be set at 2/3 of the market value of the project; in this case \$80,000.00 and for all future moved in houses. Council generally agreed with this new formula. Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to grant a one (1) ft. variance on side-yard setbacks as listed. Approved unanimously. Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the C.U.P. with \$80,000 listed Irrevocable Letter of Credit. Approved unan.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the February report: Sales were \$62,089: down \$7,400 from January, but up \$1,100 from Feb. 2017. YTD Rev. up by \$9,400 & YTD Exp. up by \$19,000. Feb. GP margin = 38.57%. Food GP = 26.73%. Collins also reported: February events all went well. March events: St. Pat's celebration/ craft nights/ Pfeiffer tourney/ meat raffle/ Sat. March 24 is Customer Appreciation Day.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of February: 218 calls @ 2,661 miles patrolled/ total calls up 53%, total miles up 24% for the year. Pfarr also reported: 36 parking tickets issued for recent snow storm/ SUV squad was only a minor repair issue/ looking to replace the 10+ yrs. old AED in the squad for \$1800 price range.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Refuse- garbage truck getting new rebuilt axel installed at Roadrunner.
- Sewer- work done on West Sharon Street: damaged by phone company line- Atty Moran got city and resident our reimbursement checks for damages suffered.
 - 1) Note: costs to lease a new loader were only discussed by the council for now.
 - 2) Yes- the downtown flowers are all ordered per Supt. Roemhildt.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker: provided the new seal coating map of city streets for 2018 including Woodridge, Woods Edge, Bradshaw, Industrial, & maybe Horizon if bids are low enough; engineer's estimate is approx.. \$59,000 for granite/ quartzite chip style. Council agreed: shoot for April 6 bid opening; to consider at April meeting.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to adopt **Resolution No. 2018B**, thereby officially approving the sale of city lot located @ 50 South Cordova Avenue for \$5,000 to Mike Cemensky of Le Center via quit claim deed. Approved unanimously.
- B) Councilman Woelfel inquired about the other city lot for sale at 111 South Maple Ave. for \$10,000: do we want any dirt from the new justice center site? Is the property too low and needs fill? Selly Excav. will strip the clay from the black dirt for \$35.00 per ton; and city trucks could haul it? After some discussion: Woelfel, Harmeyer, & Block will study the lot lay-out and bring a recommendation back to the full council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted & read: Notice of Board of Appeal & Equalization open book for Le Center residents is Tuesday, April 10, 2018 @ 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at courthouse.
- B) August 14 regular council must be moved for State Primary Election Day. After some discussion: Council generally agreed to move the meeting to Wed. August 15 @ 7:00 pm.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted the next County Official’s Meeting for Wednesday, March 28 at Montgomery American Legion @ 6:30 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:55 PM.