

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Weiers, Minutes from March 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to Agenda: ADD: Reports G) Fair Board Report

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins reported: possible meeting in next few weeks; someone interested in one of the tax forfeited lots in Horizon Addition.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: nothing really going since last meeting/ no word from Mike Cemensky on the Cordova Ave. lot he bought from the city.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the March report: Sales were \$82,047: up \$20,000 from February, and up \$7,000 from Mar. 2017. YTD Rev. up by \$14,000 & YTD Exp. up by \$12,000. March GP margin = 41.74%. Food GP = 27.92%. Collins also reported: March events all went very well. April events include: craft nights/ Pfeiffer tourney/ meat raffle/ 1st half-way to Halloween party by request. Off-sale main cooler is needing repairs to the inside fan units; should be like a new cooler when done.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of March: 166 calls @ 2,197 miles patrolled/ total calls up 54%, total miles up 18% for the year. Pfarr also reported: parking tickets “up” due to snow parking problems. This week is Severe Weather Week; gave an explanation on weather procedures and siren meanings.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported: installing new batteries in the tornado sirens/ council granted permission to sell some old equipment via sealed bids.

- Water- repaired watermain break on North Montgomery Avenue- tough to find.
- Streets- busy sweeping. Parks – not open yet with all the snow.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker presented the sealcoat bids. Council discussed whether to accept the two unopened bids received late, after the 11:00 am bid opening, that came in late due to FedEx late delivery. They had been mailed the previous Friday. Atty Moran suggested the city could still accept those two bids due to the nature of our “Invitation to Bid” process we used. (not advertised in the official newspaper for bids)

- 1) After opening the final two bids: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to accept the low bid of \$30,832.72 from Pearson Bros. of Hanover, MN; pending approval of the correct math by Bolton & Menk. Approved unanimously. Staff will possibly do some mill & overlay street work with the remaining budget funds.

G) Fair Board/ Nancy Stauff

Ms. Stauff reported the new officers for the board/ new Imagination Station for kids to play farm games/ sweet corn feed/ boa constrictor returning/ Friday night demo derby/ Saturday tractor pull/ Sunday Rach Rodeo, classic car show, cook off tourney, & bean bag tourney. Inflatable rides again this year/ putting up new 60’ X 120’ show arena building/ met with Ann T. planning a new severe weather plan/ discussed the musical entertainment performing this year.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Council considered two sealed bids for the city lot for sale at 111 South Maple Avenue. While still sealed, Administrator Collins announced that neither bid was equal to the \$10,000 asking price by the city. Council discussed the possibility of placing \$3500 of fill onto the lot to make it more attractive to a buyer, with no consensus. Council discussed whether to open the bids or not. Attorney Moran stated they could open them, and either accept one, or reject both bids. Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to open the bids. Approved by 4-1 vote, Fredrickson voting No. Bids were opened @ Mark Schroer = \$5,000 and Brian Kocina = \$8,000. After much discussion: Motion by Harmeyer to accept the bid from Brian Kocina for \$8,000. No second/ motion dies. Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Scott, to reject both bids at this time since they did not meet our asking price of \$10,000. Approved by 4-1 vote, Harmeyer voting No.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins asked council to consider holding residential “junk throw-away” in 2018 (every two years). After discussion: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to hold the junk throw-away in June 2018. Approved unanimously. Staff pick the dates.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to approve the 2018 City & School Field Lease Agreement. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to adopt **Resolution No. 2018C**, thereby joining the League of Minnesota Cities in supporting local decision making authority at the state capitol. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted the next County Official’s Meeting for Wednesday, April 25 at New Prague Aqua Center @ 6:30 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Weiers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:58 PM.