

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from April 10, 2018 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council changes to Agenda: Move Up: Old Business C) Darian Hunt ins. review

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 reported: EDA Board met May 2nd and discussed the zoning of the four tax-forfeited lots in Horizon Drive. Board generally agreed to leave zoned as R-3 until someone comes in with a solid plan for the lots. Board did vote to build/ finish the berm at the very back (south) end of the lots; and then plant trees across the top of the berm for screening purposes. Council generally thought this was a good idea.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: discussed and answered questions about the new county justice center being built, building permits, etc. No P & Z meetings held.

- 1) There was no discussion on the request by developer to move lot lines in East Washington Street subdivision; developer is going in a different direction.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the April report: Sales were \$73,577: down \$8,400 from March, and down \$400 from April 2017. YTD Rev. up by \$13,000 & YTD Exp. up by \$13,000. April GP margin = 39.87%. Food GP = 30.60%. Collins also reported: April events all went well; sales slow due to poor weather. May events include: Mother's Day, Memorial Day, & Chamber Social in the Park. No entertainment. Some graduation parties already on the books; hoping for more.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of April: 135 calls @ 1,825 miles patrolled/ total calls up 38%, total miles up 6% for the year. Pfarr also reported: many vandalism issues in the city parks; people please call in if they see someone or something unusual going on in our parks. Increase in calls due mostly to the parking tickets/ snow parking problems.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported: CenterPoint Energy will be replacing old gas-lines from Sharon Street up to Hwy 99 during June and July.

- Streets- have been swept for the second time now. Mill & overlay done on Lanesburgh Street from Cordova Ave. over to Waterville Ave.
- Parks- rolled all fields. Still slow getting them opened due to poor weather.
- Pool- sandblasting and painting the 2nd and 3rd pools is underway by Fredrickson.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker was absent; No report.

G) Fair Board/ Nancy Stauff

Ms. Stauff reported: 100 days until the fair! Booked climbing wall for Friday and Saturday/ Bands= Thurs. Doug Traxler, Fri. Thrillbillies, Sat. Old Country Boys. New show arena building should be going up pretty quickly.

Old Business: C) Darian Hunt/ House of Insurance: LMC insurance highlights= Package policy increased \$5,000/ Worker's Comp policy increased \$800/ Equipment Breakdown policy covered the well pumps previously/ Public Employee bond covers Chris C./ Dividend paid in Dec. was \$6,588; smallest since 2008/ discussed property in the open examples/ discussed some individual vehicles listed. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to Yes waive the statutory monetary limits. Approved unanimous.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Council received one sealed bid for the city lot for sale at 111 South Maple Avenue. Administrator Collins opened the bid and announced bid for \$10,500 from Brian Kocina. After some discussion: Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to accept the bid from Brian Kocina for \$10,500.00. Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson announced the dates for city resident junk drop-off: Friday, June 8 @ 12 noon - 6:00 pm and Saturday, June 9 @ 7:00 am – 12 noon.

- C) Darian Hunt/ House of Insurance: LMC insurance review. See above discussion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Evergreen Recovery letter- owner went different direction. No discussion.
- B) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, to approve the 2018 Liquor License Renewals as listed. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve Le Center Chamber Summer Kick Off, May 24 special event permit. Approved unanimously.
- D) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve Le Center Legion Backyard BBQ Cook Off, June 2 special event permit. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted the next County Official's Meeting for Wed. May 23, hosted by Le Sueur County at Little Dandy Le Center @ 6:30 PM.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson reported the city weed notice has been published; residents please keep their lawns mowed.
- C) Administrator Collins announced that Office Assistant Tara Nusbaum has completed her final year 3 of education thru Municipal Clerks & Finance Officers Assn. Congrats!

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:43 PM.