

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

**\*\* MINUTES \*\***

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Weiers, Minutes from June 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from June 28, 2018 Special 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. Many questions on the building inspector bill for \$90,586.79 - mostly for the county justice center. After discussion: 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: new entity Tri-Valley Opportunity Council is now leasing the Med Clinic Building from the city for offices; although he wasn't sure exactly what they do. Councilman Woelfel reported that Selly Excav. had started on the new berm for the four tax forfeited lots in Horizon Addition.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: August 7 will be a public hearing for a Brian Kocina moved-in-house application @ South Western Avenue and some discussion of current ordinances regarding # vehicles, RV's, trailers, etc. allowed in residential yards.; with a recommendation sent to the council of any changes. Also, will discuss: are surveys required for ALL new houses? - with a recommendation sent to council.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Asst. Manager Becky Vikla gave the June report: Sales were \$88,422: up \$7,600 from May, and up \$8,200 from June 2017. YTD Rev. up by \$18,412 & YTD Exp. up by \$32,000. June GP margin = 34.99%. Food GP = 21.66%. Vikla also reported: June events all went well. July events include: girls softball team beanbag tourney & July 4.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of June: 221 calls @ 2,342 miles patrolled/ total calls up 34%, total miles up 2% for the year. Pfarr also reported: he submitted \$7,189 of training exp. for reimbursement from State Post Board. Pfarr introduced new (started July 16) F/T Officer Bryan Tupy to the council and public.

## E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported: the MPCA report was well received.

- Streets- Pearson Bros. is sweeping up rock and re-doing the bad sealcoat areas from the rain. CenterPoint Energy is laying 9,600 ft. of new gas line from Minnesota St. out to the new county justice center: 40 holes @ 2" steel pipe.
- Parks- moving bleachers for this Friday night Relay For Life event.
- Sewer- Sunrise Avenue storm sewer project: Engineer Hawbaker reported that concrete pipe needed for project is 10 weeks out; do we want to go with RCP pipe @ \$2,300 in savings? Hawbaker recommends this RCP pipe as OK to use on this project. Council wondered if Selly was familiar with this product; would they know how to install it correctly (in sand bed) and would they guarantee this product?? Hawbaker felt they would. Council generally ok'd this product for use.

## F) Bolton &amp; Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker reported: no other report than above Sunrise Avenue project.

## G) Fair Board/ Nancy Stauff

Ms. Stauff reported: 38 days until the Fair/ horse barn is still being improved/ new show barn is going up slowly/ horse arena surface will be re-done before the Fair/ Fair staff will be checking tractors, golf carts, etc. for proof of insurance on the grounds/ new posters are out & available and pamphlets will be sent thru the mail.

## H) Pool Report

Pool Mgr. Dinwiddie reported: discussed the "closed pool policy" regarding the weather as Open if it's 65 & sunny or 70 if it's cloudy. YES stay open even if it's low attendance as long as the weather is fine. Pool revenues were slightly behind previous years. One teen night held @ 50 kids, two more planned. Roof sky-light windows are all shot and leaking in. Council will discuss at budget time.

**V. PUBLIC FORUM**

Dave Blaschko & neighbors were in attendance to complain about the abandoned house located at 355 West Tyrone Street. Albert Burghart moved out two years ago, and passed away this spring. The house is in disrepair and the yard is overgrown with vegetation. And many of the neighbors have lots of mice in their houses now, coming from there. Council agreed: City will attempt to contact the estate to take care of it first. Then the city will take appropriate action. There is a legal process that must be followed.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) David Backus of Evergreen Recovery was present to explain his plan for a residential chemical dependency treatment center at the Alex House property. He would be leasing the building from new owner Mike Slattery. His treatment center would accept no sex offenders/ have 24 hr. supervision/ 3 Techs on at all times/ monitored doors/ capacity of 24 patients/ and is licensed by the State Dept. of Human Services. His clients would come from drug courts, probation failures, & family submissions. He would relocate the current residents there. Although somewhat supportive, the council generally did not want to give the requested “letter of support” Mr. Backus desired; and asked him to send city staff the written requirements of the State.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson appointed the committee for the next big street re-construct in the city (2019 or 2020); that being Bowler Street and all streets northward @ Spors, Park, Waterville, and Montgomery = Christian H/ Dennis W/ Chris C/ Curt R/ Joel H.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to adopt the resolution and thereby approve the 2018 Primary Election judge list as presented. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, to set a public hearing for Wednesday, August 15 @ 6:00 PM to review and consider a change to the mayor & council pay ordinance. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the 2018 City/ County Hwy Agreement for \$14,480.70. Approved unanimously.
- D) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to approve the July 14 Special Event Permit request submitted by the American Legion to close Park Ave. Approved unanimously.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted the August regular council meeting is moved to Wed. Aug. 15.
- B) Council agreed and set Tuesday, July 31 @ 6:00 pm for a budget workshop meeting.
- C) Mayor Fredrickson read the Notice of Filing open for mayor and council in the city.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:19 PM.