

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from July 10, 2018 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, Notes from July 31, 2018 Budget Workshop 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: Tri-Valley Opportunity Council was barely settled into the Med Clinic Building; and the building was hit by an LJP garbage truck proceeding to empty the nursing home dumpster, causing \$4,400 damage. LJP insurance had already paid the city for the repairs. No other report.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported:

- 1) P & Z held a public hearing on August 7 for a Brian Kocina moved-in-house C.U.P. application @ 180 South Western Avenue; and was recommending approval based on the findings of fact listed: House/ rambler aesthetically wouldn't be an issue/ the lot has been vacant close to 10 years/ current building codes will be followed/ all other ordinances not specifically addressed in the conditions can be adhered to. After discussion: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the C.U.P. based on the findings of fact, as recommended by the P & Z. Approved unanimous. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to set the irrevocable letter of credit amount at \$80,000 to ensure completion of the project. Approved unanimously.

- 2) Survey requirements were considered and discussed by the P & Z at council request. P & Z recommends surveys be required for new construction. Council asked P & Z to hold a public hearing offering both options for new consideration: yes- surveys are required OR no- surveys are not required if the builder can provide a set list of requirements in lieu of the formal survey. Hear testimony & make recommendation.
- 3) Discuss parking and outside storage regulations in residential zones: Atty Moran had provided some samples to P & Z to look at, change, make recommendations. P & Z liked them; recommended them for new ordinances. Council generally liked the language too. Council asked P & Z to hold the public hearing for possibly adding these ordinances to the city code of ordinances in the near future.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the July report: Sales were \$80,986: down \$7,400 from June, and down \$3,700 from July 2017. YTD Rev. up by \$14,600 & YTD Exp. up by \$33,615. July GP margin = 35.08%. Food GP = 30.81%. Collins also reported: July month was slow. Aug. events include: County Fair, Pre-season Football, etc. Note: Sat. Sept. 22 will be the 70th anniversary celebration of the Municipal Liquor Store in the city.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of July: 182 calls @ 2,713 miles patrolled/ total calls up 26%, total miles up 2% for the year. Pfarr also reported: July slow/ couple drug busts in city w/ Drug Task Force/ looking to hire a new P.T. officer/ will soon attend training in Colorado with new hire Bryan Tupy.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- CenterPoint Energy= all main lines installed; now working on service lines.
- Shop- Overhead garage doors are installed; but no working automatic openers yet.
- Sewer- consider new water pump: use at WWTP, use at lift stations, use at the pool. Prices: \$39,880 for 1600 gpm vs. \$42,590 for 3200 gpm. Would pay for from capital improvements of the sewer fund. Will move water and solids at the WWTP. After discussion: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Scott, to purchase the 6" – 3200 gpm pump for \$42,590. Approved unanimously.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker reported: Sunrise Avenue project is 90% completed/ Selly Excav. DID sign a one year guarantee statement on the project performance.

G) Pool Report

Pool Mgr. Dinwiddie reported: July Report: two teen nights went well/ private party was cancelled/ L.S. County Posse (\$344.50) & LC Sportsmen (\$300) donations rec'd.

August Report: Total Revenues approx. = \$37,021; down \$1,000 from 2017/ there were no rescues, no drownings, no injuries, no drama this year/ baby pool was great after re-sanding/ collar should be fine another year/ some moneys are billed out but not yet paid/ DD asked to please keep the sky-lights when we re-do the pool roof.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Chad Johnson, new TCU Activities Director, was present to introduce himself and discuss some of the new activities coming to the schools. Council welcomed Mr. Johnson!
There were no petitions, requests, comments, or communications from the general public.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins presented the final city junk throw-away report: 15 more tons, 86 more loads, and \$1,651.39 more cost than 2016 to hold this event. Council discussed & suggested there may have to be some changes to the program made for 2020 if held again.
- B) Administrator Collins explained the 2019 preliminary budget numbers, plugged in after the council budget workshop meeting; these numbers will be presented for Sept. approval.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Fredrickson did read & thereby proclaim October 15, 2018 be recognized as Pregnancy and Infants Loss Remembrance Day in the City of Le Center.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to approve the Special Event Permit request by the LC Municipal Liquor Store to shut down Minnesota Street on Sat. Sept. 22 for the 70th Anniversary celebration of the city municipal liquor store. Approved unanimously.
- C) After some final discussion: Motion by Scott, Seconded by Weiers, to amend Ordinance 2, Administration: Section 2-42: Salaries of the Mayor and Council to include:
 - 1) Annual salaries of mayor (\$3,600) and council (\$2,400) shall remain the same.
 - 2) Mayor & Council per-diem shall be raised to \$50 per event (from \$25) for any & all scheduled special meetings, workshop meetings, county official's meetings, and other meetings scheduled by the council. Does not include meetings related to member's mayoral appointment assignments. Does not include mileage reimbursement.
 - 3) The amended ordinance shall take effect after January 1, 2019 and its publication in the official newspaper. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced the public hearing for the 2019 preliminary budget discussion and approval will be Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson read the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Notice.
- C) Mayor & Council generally agreed they did not want to pay extra for auditor to come.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:20 PM. Chris L. Collins