

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019 - 7:00 PM**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, C. Harmeyer, C. Scott, J. Weiers, N. Hintz  
Absent: None

**\*\* Oath of Office by Administrator Collins to Mayor Fredrickson, Council-members  
Jennifer Weiers & Nathan Hintz.**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, Minutes from December 11, 2018  
Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to Agenda: None

**III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins reported the bowling alley had been sold; reportedly not to be a  
bowling alley again.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: Yes- he was working with the new owner of bowling  
alley. Block also stated they were looking for two new P & Z Board members.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the December report: Sales were \$92,522: up \$11,500 from  
November, and up \$3,600 from Dec. 2017. YTD Rev. up by \$39,000 & YTD Exp. up by  
\$51,000. Dec. GP margin = 38.62%. Food GP = 32.13%. Collins also reported: Dec.  
was craft night, meat raffle, trivia contest, FB tailgate party. Jan. will be Pfeiffer tourney,  
meat raffle, FB tailgate party, & cribbage tourney. Inventory (down slightly) went quick  
& easy with the new auditors. 2018 Sales totaled record \$939,854 (up by \$35,207).  
Mgr. Collins thanked his dedicated work staff and city staff and all resident customers.

#### D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of December: 226 calls @ 2,384 miles patrolled/ total calls up 7%, total miles down 1% for the year. Pfarr reported: several break-ins in downtown area businesses. First State Bank is offering a \$1,000 reward for tips leading to arrest. Year-end report: thefts down considerably/ complaints up from previous years. Staff includes 3 F/T officers and 8 P/T officers.

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

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- new bobcat is being used for snowplowing.
- Skating rink- is open/ then melts and is closed again.
- Year-end- 510 yds of leaves disposed of/ 350 gals of used oil disposed of/ and 360 tons of garbage hauled (an increase of 35 tons).

#### F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker reported: nothing to report yet on the possible Justice Center storm-water being routed down to our existing settling pond.

2020 Street Project: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, Add Jennifer Weiers to replace Denny Woelfel on the project committee. Approved unanimously.

### V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

### VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) After much discussion: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to again approve waiving the WAC and SAC fees (\$2,500) for new residential & commercial construction in 2019. Approved unanimously.
- B) Administrator Collins explained the request by farm land renter Peter Thelemann to possibly extend his lease by doing some tiling work in our 80 ac. field. Since Mr. Thelemann was not present; item was tabled.

### VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the 2019 Le Center Area Fire Commission Services Contract. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the 2019 Mayoral Appointment List. Approved unanimously.

- C) Resident request for new streetlight to be installed along Rolling Hills Drive. After some discussion: item was tabled. Staff get \$ amount to install; do we have an extra light on hand? Find a policy for resident requests for installation of new streetlights.

**VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.**

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced the next Le Sueur County Officials Meeting for Wednesday, January 23 at Le Center Legion at 6:30 pm.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business; Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:40 PM.

Chris L. Collins, Administrator