

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, C. Harmeyer, J. Weiers, N. Hintz, C. Scott (late 7:09)
Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, Minutes from January 8, 2019 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 Hintz, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins reported they would be having a meeting within a couple months.

1) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to adopt **Resolution No. 2019A**, thereby appointing Councilman Christian Harmeyer to replace former councilman Dennis Woelfel on the EDA Board; and Dennis Woelfel to then replace the late Gary Factor for the At-Large position on the EDA Board. Approved unanimously.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: nothing to report at this time.

1) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Hintz, to adopt **Resolution No. 2019B**, thereby appointing Willis Collins Jr. to replace the late Bruce Meidlinger on the P & Z Board; and Mike Nelson to replace Sherry Glende on the P & Z Board. Approved unanimously.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the January report: Sales were \$71,196: down \$21,000 from December, but up \$1,650 from Jan. 2018. YTD Rev. up by \$1,779 & YTD Exp. down by \$613. Jan. GP margin = 40.00%. Food GP = 33.67%. (Councilman Scott arrived) Collins reported: Feb. will be meat raffle, chili feed, Pfeiffer tourney. Dishwasher is shot; will order a new one before St. Pat's Celebration.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of January: 265 calls @ 2,674 miles patrolled/ total calls up 47%, total miles up 17% for the year. Pfarr reported: calls up due mostly for parking tickets with all the snow.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Water Treatment Plant- reverse osmosis is malfunctioning; looking for answers.
- Waste Water Plant- bar screen is down; guys are cleaning by hand to keep running.
- Streets- sweeper needs some major repairs; time to look at trading it for newer?
- Snow Plowing- running out of room at fairgrounds; start hauling to West Park soon.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Joel Hawbaker absent. 2020 Street Project committee should meet soon.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mike Slattery/ Assisted Living home: A Conditional Use Permit was approved for this property at the November 13 council meeting; with the language of “full services” to be provided. Now Mr. Slattery would like to offer “contracted services” instead. Question is: does he need to obtain another C.U.P. to change that language in his business plan? Attorney Moran suggested he’d be ok with the council simply amending the original C.U.P. to include the new language as proposed in Mr. Slattery’s recent email. After all discussion: Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Scott, the original C.U.P. is amended to allow for provided full OR contracted full services; but with an on-site manager “as recognized in his recent email language.” Approved unanimously.
- B) Citizen request for a streetlight: Administrator Collins explained he was having trouble finding other cities with a policy in place, for us to consider. Contact Engineer Hawbaker to get the MN DOT specs. We need a policy before we approve anything.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Fredrickson appointed volunteer Councilman Harmeyer to be the spokesperson to handle details with the city staff concerning the new berm going in.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the 2019 City/ TCU School Field Lease Agreement. Approved unanimously. * Only change is \$1,000 for football goalposts is taken out at request of school, same as other TCU cities.

- C) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to approve the special event permit for American Legion to allow for closing off Park Ave. during the March 16 St. Patrick's Celebration in town. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced the next Le Sueur County Officials Meeting for Wednesday, February 27 at New Prague Praha Village at 6:30 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chris L. Collins, Administrator