

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

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Acting Mayor C. Harmeyer, J. Weiers, N. Hintz, C. Scott  
Absent: Mayor Fredrickson, City Attorney Moran

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from February 12, 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 Hintz, 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: No meetings; no report.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: No meetings to report on.

1) Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, to approve the new rental housing license for Cliff Haefner, who had recently purchased the Jim Weber building at 20 East Minn. Street; on the condition it not be rented until Inspector Block does the inspection. The building had recently been taken to court for renting without a current rental license; but was now emptied out and being repaired. Approved unanimously.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the February report: Sales were \$65,740: down \$5,400 from January, but up \$3,600 from Feb. 2018. YTD Rev. up by \$4,634 & YTD Exp. were down by \$1,369. Feb. GP margin = 40.56%. Food GP = 31.32%. Collins reported: March activities = trivia contest, St. Pats Celebration, meat raffle, & Pfeiffer tourney. Collins stated Sat. March 30 will be Customer Appreciation Day.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of February: 195 calls @ 2,415 miles patrolled/ total calls up 16%, total miles up 3% for the year. Pfarr reported: dealing with the snow; parking tickets, accidents, etc.

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

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Water Treatment Plant- R.O. was malfunctioning; now repaired and working again.
- Waste Water Plant- bar screen was down; now repaired and working again.
- Streets- Roemhildt stated it is important to issue the tickets for snow parking; just to be able to plow and keep the streets clean. It helps a lot.
- Skating rink- is not being used much, with all the snow.

## F) Bolton &amp; Menk Engineering

1) Engineer Joel Hawbaker explained the County Justice Center storm water pond, provided maps, plans, & logistics proposed by the county. Administrator Collins read the email from City Attorney Moran to County Administrator Pettis giving his city approval if the following conditions were met:

- 1) County will pay for maintenance of the existing pond at time of construction.
- 2) County agrees to maintain the new pond after construction is complete.
- 3) The CITY will own the storm sewer line in its Right of Way.
- 4) The city will notify the county if an adjacent property requests to outlet into this storm sewer line.
- 5) County will move the excess pond dirt to the parcel across the street for the new city berm being constructed. (approx. 1,320 CY of material)

Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, Yes city authorizes approval of the County Justice Center storm sewer line project based on the recommendation of Attorney Moran and including the five (5) points listed above; and the supervision of city engineer Bolton & Menk. Approved unanimously.

## G) County Fair- Nancy Stauff &amp; Jo Blaschko

Ms. Stauff reported: Chad Washa is new Fair president/ Art Gorgen is still secretary/ applying for Legacy grants for fans & lighting in the new show barn. New events will include Archery education & shooting clinics on the baseball field (ok'd) and possibly a flea market sale. Ranch Rodeo will return again.

**V. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no petitions, requests, comments, or communications from the general public. Guest: Layne Wilbright, new TCU School Community Ed Director, updated the council on the many activities of the Community Education programs.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) 2020 Street Project: Councilman Harmeyer gave a brief update from the committee meeting; and a broad timeline of the upcoming project.
- B) Citizen request for a streetlight: Administrator Collins updated: still having trouble finding other cities with a policy in place, for us to consider. Engineer Hawbaker still waiting to get the MN DOT specs.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) After much discussion on the possibility of purchasing a new street sweeper; and realizing that our old 1997 sweeper needs approx. \$35,000 to repair, the council considered several bids available from the two companies:
  - 1) McQueen Equipt./ Elgin Pelican NEW for \$202,731. (includes \$5,500 for trade in)
  - 2) Koenig & Sons/ Global sweeper NEW for \$190,015.
  - 3) Koenig & Sons/ Global sweeper 2014 used \$99,700.
  - 4) Koenig & Sons/ Global sweeper 2018 Demo \$177,000. (includes \$15,000 for trade in)

Administrator Collins stated there was \$55,000 in Street CIP fund; of which we could use \$50,000 to pay down, and then make yearly payments over 6 years to pay off.

Motion by Scott, Seconded by Weiers, Yes - send letter of intent to purchase the Global 2018 Demo model for \$177,000 (60 hrs. & lots of extras) from Koenig & Sons pending the try-out demonstration results. Best deal and most trade in. Approved unanimously.

- B) Acting Mayor Harmeyer noted: the 2019 Notice of Board of Appeal & Equalization open book hearings for Le Center residents will be Tuesday, April 16 @ 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at Le Sueur County Courthouse.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Acting Mayor Harmeyer announced the next Le Sueur County Officials Meeting for Wednesday, March 27 at Waterville at 6:30 pm.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, for Acting Mayor Harmeyer to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:06 PM.