

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 - 7:00 PM**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from May 14, 2019  
Public Hearing (Floodplain Ord.) be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from May 14, 2019  
Regular 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. 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: No meetings/ no report.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block absent: No meetings/ no report.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the May report: Sales were \$80,664: up \$8,000 from  
April, and down \$63 from May 2018. YTD Rev. up by \$3,664 & YTD Exp. up by  
\$5,444. May GP margin = 37.0%. Food GP = 32.75%. P.O.S. server crashed; new  
computer purchased. New bartender has started. Events include Trivia contest/  
Pfeiffer tourney/ Graduations.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of May: 160 calls  
@ 2,542 miles patrolled/ total calls up 14%, total miles up 10% for the year. Pfarr  
reported: working on lots of public nuisance complaints, tall grass complaints, # of  
vehicles parked out in the open complaints.

New police squad car: State Bid for 2020 Ford Explorer police edition = \$34,780.56.  
Factor Motors price: \$32,819.20. Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, Yes order the new vehicle from Factor Motors. Approved unanimously.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- blacktopping around town is done. Sunrise Avenue blacktopping is done.
- Storm- 3 days of chipping and picking up trees is completed.
- Water Treatment Plant- there is leak in the re-claim tank under the back parking lot: will start digging for it this week.
- Parks- all are open and being heavily used. Baseball lights are replaced + some of the protective lens had to be replaced. Mosquito & gnat spraying could be done for the pool area (\$663.46) and baseball field (\$428.34) – council generally ok'd.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Engineer Joel Hawbaker presented the 2020 street project “Engineer’s Report” showing: 6400 ft. of reconstruct/ all infrastructure is 50-75 years old/ the blacktop streets are disintegrating/ streets are from 24’–38’ wide; city standard is 36’ wide/ present storm sewer is limited; much more proposed to go in/ sanitary sewers are bad under the streets; that’s why Park Ave. has been added to this project/ there is some sidewalk figured in this estimate/ current water lines are 6” – we’ll go up to 8” in this project/ same 75% city to 25% resident assessment ratio proposed = approx. \$77.00 per L.F. estimate to property owners/ Preliminary Est. project cost total = \$3,675,884.00. Project can be done in one year by bigger const. company; OR we could bid it out over two years to attract more bidders. Motion by Mayor Fredrickson, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt **Resolution No. 2019G**, thereby receiving the Engineer’s Report on the improvement. Approved unanimously.
- 2) 2019 Sealcoating bids: Hawbaker presented three bids received for the possible sealcoating of streets: Pearson Bros.= \$52,608.00 Allied Blacktop= \$57,779.75 and Astech Corp.= \$60,681.45. Engineer’s project estimate was \$61,670.00. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to award the 2019 sealcoat bid to Pearson Bros. for \$52,608.00. Approved unanimously.
- 3) After some discussion on the County Justice Center storm water pond project: city staff and city engineer do a walk-thru on the project to identify punchlist items.

G) Pool – Dorothy D.

Pool roof is done; kept them from being open first day/ \$21,000 taken in so far for lessons & swimming passes/ Cleveland & Waterville coming here for lessons/ parking problems in the back; people parking in the employee spots: staff get the “employee parking only” signs back up plus the police “no parking” signs too.

Problems with the Family Season Pass being abused and over-used by people; lost approx. \$2,000 - \$3,000 thru fraudulent use. May need to go to individual passes and eliminate the family pass. Two teen nights planned/ three private parties planned/ need to look at cost to replace the rusty east doors; previous est. cost was \$10,000.00.

#### H) County Fair- Nancy Stauff

Ms. Stauff reported: only 64 days until the fair/ posters and mailings going out by July 4/ True Transit will be offering free rides to & from the fair/ Entertainment: Thurs.= Doug Traxler/ Fri.= Red Dirt Band/ Sat.= Mitch Gordon Band. The free entertainment = amateur talent show, robotics, Czech dancers, flea market, ranch rodeo, Center Stage dance, and archery demonstration & participation (small fee).

### V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

### VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Peter Thelemann (80 ac. farmland renter) new lease agreement written up by Attorney Moran including the opt-out language required for Mr. Thelemann to install more tile at his cost for a new 10 year lease at same \$200 per acre price. Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, to approve the new 10 yr. lease. Approved unanimously.

### VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins explained his notes from the meeting with MNDOT officials concerning Hwy 99 road condition and re-construct timeline. Mayor Fredrickson added his own explanation from the meeting. Re-construct not until 2027 or 28; may overlay in next few years to carry us until then. It was a good meeting.
- B) Attorney Moran explained the AT&T 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to our lease agreement for their cell antennas on our water tower. They wish to swap-out from antennas to radios + will pay us an additional \$500 per month to do so. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to approve the AT&T 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment language. Approved unanimously.
- C) Attorney Moran reported he had been contacted by Sunny Terrace trailer court owners about obtaining an easement along their north driveway which gains access to that 2<sup>nd</sup> row of trailers adjacent to our city park. After some discussion: Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, to grant them shared easement for \$7,500. Approved unanimously.

### VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson noted the city weed notification has been published in the official newspaper and IS in effect.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson announced the next Le Sueur County Officials Meeting for June 26 at the new Le Sueur County Justice Center in Le Center at 6:00 pm. (tour)

- C) Council generally approved Administrator Collins request to close city hall offices on Friday, July 5. City staff must use earned vacation time to get paid for that day.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business; Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Weiers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:27 PM.

Chris L. Collins, Administrator