

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from June 11, 2019
Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to Agenda: Move up Tyler Luethje/ Le Sueur County Parks Mgr.

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.

** Tyler Luethje, Le Sueur County Parks Manager, gave explanation of county wishes to place an archery range in the Bradshaw Woods Park in Le Center. The county feels this park property is under-utilized. This archery range would feature four separate targets at 10/ 20/ 30/ 40 yard distances; with no bow hunting simulation and no broadheads. The natural topography of the south end of the woods would be used for safety. This would allow the archers to shoot downward towards the woods. See map of proposed area. Signs would be placed at all entry/exit points into Bradshaw Woods, warning of Archery Range. A rules and regulations sign would be posted at the range site. Range site would be open from sunrise to sunset. County liability insurance would cover the archery range. City could be asked to provide picnic tables, garbage cans, benches, loader use. Timeline to open: next spring. County will send out flyers to archery organizations and certain individuals for possible fundraising effort. Administrator Collins added that the 4-H Program would possibly be the main user of the facility; and 4-H Coordinator Cassie Story has stated that they would love the central location of Le Center and the outdoor elements to shoot in. They currently shoot indoors at a facility in Waterville. Council generally agreed this would be a very nice addition to Bradshaw Woods Park.

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/ Justice Center is done and certificate of occupancy has been issued.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the June report: Sales were \$82,585: up \$1,900 from May, and down \$5,800 from June 2018. YTD Rev. up by \$3,500 & YTD Exp. up by \$10,000. June GP margin = 36.26%. Food GP = 31.86%. New P.O.S. server is up and running smoothly. Graduation receptions finished. July= 2 craft nights, 4th of July parties. Mgr. stated poor summer weather is hurting beer sales!

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of June: 178 calls @ 2,663 miles patrolled/ total calls up 7%, total miles up 10% for the year. Pfarr reported: New police squad car ordered, arrive October @ final price = \$32,675.20.

- 1) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the new "Police Sexual Assault Investigation Policy" as required by state statute. Approved unanimously.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt absent/ No report:

- Mosquito spraying was briefly discussed by council/ is Not in the 2019 budget for spraying the entire city/ will be considered at budget workshop mtg. for next year.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Engineer Joel Hawbaker reported on the 2020 street project: survey crew will be measuring thru July/ then topo photos will be taken in August. Council set a project workshop meeting for September 10 @ 6:00 pm to review the above info.
- 2) 2019 sealcoating of eastside streets: Pearson Bros. has done the crack seal repairs; but will do the sealcoat when? Hawbaker will call them for an answer.
- 3) County Justice Center storm water pond project: city engineer had sent letter to county outlining the punchlist items to finish the job. Have not heard back.

G) Pool – Dorothy D.

Ms. Dinwiddie gave the June report & explanation: \$26,869 taken in so far for lessons & swimming passes/ Cleveland lessons billed but not yet paid/ \$300 donation from Le Center Sportsmen’s Club is received/ baby pool is peeling paint bad; will need to do something different for next year/ rest of pool is working fine.

- 1) Request by Le Center PTO group to use the pool on July 25 evening: after some discussion; council is in favor of allowing them to hold a Movie Night Event.

H) County Fair- Nancy Stauff

No Nancy/ No report.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Tyler Luethje: see above discussion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Council set the first budget workshop meeting for Wednesday, August 21 @ 6:00 pm.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced the next Le Sueur County Officials Meeting for July 24 at the new Le Sueur County Justice Center in Le Center at 6:00 pm. (tour)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Weiers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:50 PM.