

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Hintz, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from August 13, 2019 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, Minutes from August 21, 2019 Budget Workshop 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 Scott, 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 berm on the four Kubes lots is getting some much needed fill and black dirt put towards it by the contractor from the Justice Center project. City will still need to go in and sculpt & form the berm as needed; hopefully this fall yet. Question on any pharmacy movement: none- seems like a dead issue.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block absent; Mayor Fredrickson reported there will be an October 1 meeting at 7:00 pm to discuss the proposed new building being constructed by Maud Borup Company. P & Z will have to approve the building materials Maud may be requesting to use.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the August report: Sales were \$92,164: up \$10,500 from July, and up \$1,900 from Aug. 2018. YTD Rev. up by \$6,500 & YTD Exp. up by \$6,300. August GP margin = 35.61%. Food GP = 32.25%. August events = Fair and usual business. Sept. fire dept. fundraiser went well. Sunday football specials started.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of August: 203 calls @ 2,714 miles patrolled/ total calls up 8%, total miles up 9% for the year. Pfarr also reported the Fair was quiet; no parking issues/ working on new squad equipment to order/ See: new police “tiered” wage sheet for part-timers starting in 2020.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Water- completed new R.O. membranes installation/ fixed watermain break at Winco road.
- Parks- cleaning, repairing, & painting the hockey boards/ fields are done.
- Street- sweeping the streets for leaves/ lots of tree cutting & stump removals.
- Sewer- working on jetting sewers @ ¼ of the town on this year’s schedule.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) 2020 street project: Based on the workshop meeting held earlier that evening: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, adopt **Resolution No. 2019H**, thereby calling for the Hearing on Improvement to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm at city hall. Approved unanimously.
- 2) Engineer Hawbaker reported the County Justice Center storm water pond cleaning has been done to satisfaction/ grass seed seems to be taking hold around it/ berm has been somewhat shaped and seeded.
- 3) Sealcoating has been done and swept on the east side of town/ Woods Edge was re-done by Pearson Bros. after poor result last year.

G) Pool – Dorothy D.

Ms. Dinwiddie gave the final August report & explanation: total \$41,528.75 taken in for lessons & swimming passes in 2019/ received check from New Prague for their use of our pool = \$1,967.00/ recap: 9,158 people used the pool/ no major injuries of swimmers in the pool/ Read thru her “Goals For 2020” list. Council thanked her.

H) County Fair- Nancy Stauff

Final report: had good weather for most of fair; had good attendance/ Thurs. sweet corn feed went thru 1500 ears/ Friday great attendance at the derby with 52 cars; fantastic band kept people on the grounds/ Sat. redneck tractor pull was a fun success with 12 teams; band was interrupted by rain and many people left/ Sunday pancake breakfast and classic car show had good #’s and variety/ the inflatable rides did well; people would still like the carnival back, maybe in the future. Archery event was tremendous; and maybe an ax throwing event for next year!

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Dorothy Dinwiddie spoke: there are several people in town who would like to donate \$2,000 to get their name on a streetlight pole plaque. Several of the poles are chipped badly; the county had promised to take care of and/or paint the poles if damaged when taken down for the 2010 Minnesota Street Project. Council will take this under advisement.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) After some discussion about the city solid waste & recycling dilemma; with the county stopping the current program as of January 1, 2020: the council did set a Wednesday, October 9 @ 7:00 pm public hearing at city hall to allow the residents to give their own opinions on which direction the city should go with solid waste & recycling collection.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

*** Public comment period on the Preliminary 2020 Levy and Budget ***

- A) Administrator Collins explained the Preliminary 2020 maximum levy and total budget; how the numbers were derived from the city staff and the council budget workshop meeting held on Aug. 21. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to adopt the **Resolution No. 2019J**, thereby approving the maximum preliminary net tax levy of \$1,119,200 (+ 1.4998%). Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, adopt **Resolution No. 2019J**, thereby approving the maximum preliminary total budget of \$3,454,810 (- 1.037%). Approved unanimous.
- C) Mayor Fredrickson announced the final 2020 levy and budget “public comment meeting” for Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm at city hall. Public comments will also be allowed at the October 8, November 12, and December 10 regular council meetings at city hall.
- D) Mayor Fredrickson announced to send any 2020 levy and budget questions to the city administrator at City Hall, 10 West Tyrone St., Le Center or phone 507-357-4450.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced the next Le Sueur County Officials Meeting for September 25 in New Prague at 6:30 pm.
- B) Mayor presented a late Special Event Permit request from the LC American Legion for their 100 yr. anniversary celebration on Sept. 28. Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Hintz, to approve the special event permit closing Park Avenue. Approved unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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