

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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 Harmeyer, Minutes from September 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, Notes from September 10, 2019 Workshop Meeting (2020 Street Project) 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 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: A new business to be called Carriage House Senior Living has purchased the old Country Neighbors property from Mike Slattery; and plans to open as a true assisted living facility, much the same as Country Neighbors was and possibly even better. Del & Julie Spronk of Faribault will be the new owners.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: At the October 1 meeting, the P & Z set their new board seats/ and discussed the proposed new building material to be used by Maud Borup Co. for their new building addition.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the Sept. report: Sales were \$78,298: down \$13,800 from August, and down \$5,900 from Sept. 2018. YTD Rev. up by \$1,400 & YTD Exp. down by \$4,000. September GP margin = 38.01%. Food GP = 32.83%. September MMBA & Fire Dept. fundraiser went well. October= cater wedding, Pfeiffer tourney, Wine Tasting w/ Legion on Oct. 18, and Halloween Bash on Oct. 26.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of September: 183 calls @ 2,631 miles patrolled/ total calls up 9%, total miles up 10% for the year. Pfarr also reported: Officer Tupy has resigned to take a position in Montgomery; the open job has been posted. Shifts are being covered with P/T help. A stolen vehicle incident and many vehicles being prowled are on-going investigations. No word on new squad car delivery.

- 1) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to adopt **Resolution No. 2019I**, thereby adding P/T officers Peters and Navejas to the Police & Fire Plan membership as required by the state guidelines. Approved unanimously.
- 2) Mayor Fredrickson assigned the following to the hiring committee for new F/T police officer: Josh F./ Bob P./ Christian H./ Chris C./ Atty Moran.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Water- finished flushing & looping hydrants/ had to purchase a new water meter reader system upgrade/ replace a valve to keep re-circulating pump at water tower operating.
- Parks- finished re-painting the hockey boards.
- Street- continue sweeping the streets for leaves/ taking the flowers down.
- Pool- replaced one door at the pool with sliding door; works well.
- Refuse- haul leaves & compost to SMC Mankato/ trimming trees in spare time.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Engineer Hawbaker reported: working on the presentation for the November 5 public improvement hearing for the 2020 street project.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Fredrickson invited comments on the proposed 2020 budget and levy. (none)

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Fredrickson reminded all present of the Wednesday, October 9 @ 7:00 pm city wide public hearing at city hall to discuss solid waste & recycling collection process.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) 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.
- B) 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.
- C) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the Special Event Permit for the LC Chamber Hollydaze Winter Festival on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Approved unanimously.
- D) Mayor Fredrickson did read and so proclaim October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the City of Le Center. Adopted by the Le Center city council.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced the next Le Sueur County Officials Meeting for Wednesday, October 23 in ??

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:27 PM.

Chris L. Collins, Administrator