

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

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, C. Harmeyer, J. Weiers, C. Scott  
Absent: N. Hintz (Atty Moran)

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from October 8, 2019 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from October 9, 2019 Public Hearing (garbage/ recycling) be approved. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from November 5, 2019 Hearing on Improvement be approved. Approved unanimously.
- D) Council changes to Agenda: None

**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.

**IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS**

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins explained the two loan requests from Carriage House Senior Living; a \$5,000 Micro Loan and a \$50,000 Revolving Loan, both previously approved by the EDA Board. New owners Del & Julie Spronk of Faribault were present to explain to the council their need for these loans and their plans for the facility. After discussion: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the \$5,000 Micro Loan request. Approved unanimously. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to approve the \$50,000 Revolving Loan request. Approved unanimously. Hope to open mid Dec.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: not much happening/ there may be some dirt moved this fall yet by Maud Borup Company for soil testing and soil corrections.

## C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the Oct. report: Sales were \$76,050: down \$2,200 from September, but up \$550 from Oct. 2018. YTD Rev. up by \$2,083 & YTD Exp. up by \$22,000. October GP margin = 39.76%. Food GP = 30.58%. October= wedding, wine tasting, and Halloween Bash went well. Nov. = deer hunting, Crap nights, turkey bingo, potluck party, Pfeiffer tourney, meat raffle, & Hollydaze. Closed on Thanksgiving Day.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of October: 187 calls @ 2,395 miles patrolled/ total calls up 7%, total miles up 9% for the year. Pfarr also reported: had to put new transmission into 2016 squad car @ \$4,000 ish. Winter parking means off the streets when we get 1" or more snow; until the street is plowed from curb to curb. Lots of vehicles parked on streets or driveways "gone thru" with minor thefts over a two-night period; reminded residents to lock up their vehicles at night.

- 1) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, to accept the police hiring committee recommendation and thereby hire Derek Carlsrud of Bismarck, ND as the new F/T Police Officer. Approved unanimously. He was present to meet the council.

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

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Water- replaced some valves "live" at the base of the water tower.
- Street- sweeping is completed; 200 cu. yards to haul away. Sweep one day, plow snow the next.
- Refuse- wood chipper is done for the season on Sat. mornings.

## F) Bolton &amp; Menk Engineering

- 1) With regards for the November 5 public improvement hearing for the proposed 2020 Street Project; after some discussion: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to adopt **Resolution No. 2019K**, thereby ordering the improvement and preparation of plans. Approved unanimously.

## V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

Travis Fisher, 255 North Waterville Avenue, addressed the council on the winter parking ordinance. Mr. Fisher asked the council to consider adding emergency snow routes for the residents to park on/ look at and tweak the ordinance to better allow residents a warning time frame to move their vehicles before being ticketed/ devise a system to alert residents that the system procedure has started by putting it on city web page or Facebook, etc. Or possibly go to No Parking on any streets from November – March; so everyone would already know.

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

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A) Mayor Fredrickson read and explained the 2019 Pool final report on Revs and Exp. showing a net loss of (\$25,749.85); compared to (\$34,298.19) loss in 2018.

**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 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 Weiers, to approve the Amended Special Event Permit for the Chamber Hollydaze Festival on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Approved unan.
- D) Administrator Collins presented a Strong Beer (only) License application request for the new Mexican restaurant (La Tamaulipeca) opening soon downtown; pending a completed license application and background check on the license holder. This would be the same license that Home Plate Restaurant has. Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the license request pending all legal conditions are met. Approved unanimously.

**VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.**

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced that city hall would be closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving Day; with employees using vacation or floating holiday to be gone.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Weiers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:58 PM.

Chris L. Collins, Administrator