

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 - 7:00 PM**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**\*\* Public Hearing on Final 2020 Net Tax Levy and 2020 Total Budget \*\***

*Administrator Collins explained the 2020 Final Levy & Total Budget; stating that they were exactly the same as the approved September preliminary max allowed. There were no questions, comments, or discussion from the council or general public as allowed.*

1) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to adopt **Resolution No. 2019L**, thereby approving 2020 Final Net Tax Levy of \$1,119,200 (+1.4998%). Approved unanimously.

2) Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, to adopt **Resolution No. 2019L**, thereby approving 2020 Final Total Budget of \$3,454,810 (- 1.037%). Approved unanimously.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Harmeyer, Minutes from November 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) 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 the two loan requests from Carriage House Senior Living; a \$5,000 Micro Loan and a \$50,000 Revolving Loan, had been closed upon at Attorney Moran's office/ reported on Maud Borup groundbreaking for the soon to be addition.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block reported: December 19 @ 7:00 pm meeting to consider Maud Borup Company building façade/ discussed the Cemensky moved-in-house issues.

## C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the Nov. report: Sales were \$85,524: up \$9,500 from October, and up \$4,500 from Nov. 2018. YTD Rev. up by \$6,300 & YTD Exp. up by \$4,400. November GP margin = 39.77%. Food GP = 29.04%. Nov. = turkey bingo went well, Hollydaze, & Thanksgiving. Dec. = dart tourney, ham bingo, ugly sweater contest. Close 6:00 pm Christmas Eve/ Closed Christmas Day/ Open New year's Day.

## D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of November: 275 calls @ 2,616 miles patrolled/ total calls up 14%, total miles up 10% for the year. Pfarr also reported: Kind Vet is closing their doors on Dec. 19; we can stay in the building until they sell it. Then they have agreed to house our animals in St. Peter. Reminder: Winter sidewalk ord. states: shoveled within 12 hours of snowing. Winter parking ord. states off the streets after 1" of snow until cleared curb to curb. Putting warning placards on doors.

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

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- lots of snow around Thanksgiving weekend.
- WWTP- biosolids are all hauled out to our farm field on Nov. 30, took 3.5 hours. New bobcat is in.
- Refuse- really busy; garbage is way up!
- Parks- flooding skating rink, takes lots of water & freezing many times.

## F) Bolton &amp; Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker reported: 2020 Street Project design/work committee will meet to answer some outstanding questions/ prelim. design meeting with utilities is Dec. 18.

**V. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A) Mayor Fredrickson mentioned and Administrator Collins explained the final State approval for our new city floodplain ordinance. It has been recorded at the county office.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson explained the raising of one point for the city credit rating by Moody's Rating Service from Baa3 to Baa2 outlook positive.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Attorney Moran explained the easement request from Peter Spindler/ Sunny Terrace Trailer Court; seeking an easement to cross city owned property on their north driveway and willing to pay \$7,500 for the easement. This was brought up at an earlier council meeting. Motion by Scott, seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt **Resolution No. 2019M**, thereby authorizing an easement across city owned property. Approved unanimously.
- B) Administrator Collins explained the polling place designation resolution; Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to adopt **Resolution No. 2019N**, thereby designating the city polling place for the 2020 elections. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, to approve the delinquent assessment certification list to certify to the county for collection with property taxes. Approved unanimously.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson suggested council should set a date for a workshop meeting to discuss the ongoing garbage & recycling issue. After discussion, council agreed to set the workshop meeting for Wednesday, January 15 @ 6:15 pm at city hall.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:23 PM.

Chris L. Collins, Administrator