

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: C. Harmeyer, N. Hintz, C. Scott, J. Weiers

Absent: Mayor Fredrickson (Atty Moran)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from December 10, 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 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: no meetings; nothing to report.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block absent; Admin. Collins reported no meetings; nothing to report.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the Dec. report: Sales were \$92,902: up \$7,300 from November, and up \$400 from Dec. 2018. YTD Rev. up by \$6,168 & YTD Exp. up by \$24,452. December GP margin = 38.59%. Food GP = 32.29%. Dec. = Christmas & New Year's went well. January = live band, Pfeiffer tourney, final football party. Year End report: \$926,665.02 Total Sales; down \$13,000.00 from 2018. GPM= 38.22% and Food= 31.1%. Rental property was fully rented all year. Off Sale = 72.7% of sales and On Sale = 27.3% of sales. Discussed the state auditor's liquor report from 2018.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of December: 172 calls @ 2,995 miles patrolled/ total calls up 10%, total miles up 11% for the year. Pfarr also reported: new squad car looks like a March delivery. Pfarr gave Year End report of call comparisons; discussed 2018 vs. 2019 totals and specific increases and reasons.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported on Year End: less oil recycled, leaves, cardboard, & co-mingle. Refuse up by 13 tons.

- Streets- lots of snow events; police doing nice job of moving vehicles for plowing
- Parks- we're the first city to have a skating rink open in this area!
- Sewer- finally received check from CenterPoint Energy for damage to our sewer line on the corner of South Waterville Ave. and East Sharon Street.

- 1) Supt. Roemhildt is requesting to purchase two new pick-ups for public works. The current trucks are 15 years old and rusting badly, falling apart. After some discussion on the prices: Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, to purchase two 2020 Dodge Ram 1500 trucks from Jeff Belzer's of New Prague under the state bid price of approx. \$25,520 each. Approved unanimously.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker reported on 2020 Street Project: moving ahead with design/ met with street project committee to answer many questions & keep the project moving. Late March, early April go to bids.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Administrator Collins explained the notice from the State of Minnesota concerning the former Weber Cabinets property at 42 North Waterville Ave. that the city had conveyed into our possession; for public use. State was checking on the status of that property and what the city has done with it. Collins was asking for the council to allow him take bids to have the building removed during this winter. Asbestos removal has already been done. Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, Yes take bids to remove the building and fill in the hole with gravel for future parking lot. Approved unanimously.
- B) Collins asked council to consider the waiving of WAC and SAC Fee's in 2020 for new residential and commercial building construction. Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, to yes waive WAC and SAC Fee's again in 2020 for new res. & comm. construction.
- C) Acting Mayor Harmeyer reminded council of the city workshop meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 15 at 6:15 pm at City Hall.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Consider approval of Mayoral Appointments list: Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, to approve the Mayoral Appointment list as written. Approved unanimously.

- B) Consider 2020 Le Center Area Fire Service Contract Agreement: Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, to approve the 2020 Fire Service Agreement. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Acting Mayor Harmeyer announced the next County Officials Meeting for Wednesday, January 22 @ 6:30 pm at Waterville Event Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chris L. Collins, Administrator