

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 - 7:00 PM**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, C. Harmeyer, N. Hintz, J. Weiers, C. Scott  
Absent: None (Atty Moran absent)  
Staff: C. Collins, C. Roemhildt, B. Pfarr, B. Collins, C. Block, J. Hawbaker

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, Minutes from September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.
- B) Council changes to Agenda: Move up: Ann Traxler/ Le Sueur County E.M.

**III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Harmeyer, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC: Ann Traxler and Tammy Stewig from Le Sueur County Emergency Management were present to address the council; “Thank You” to the city for all the help on the County Food Giveaways and the County Flu Shot Program. Ms. Traxler also spoke about the benefits of the recently enacted Le Center Floodplain Ordinance.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins reported: have probably sold the 10-acres land in Industrial Park to Maud Borup and Selly Excavating (split) at an agreed to price. The berm is finished at the back end of the four city lots in Horizon Addition.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: Charlie Mach was seeking a Conditional Use Permit to move a garage onto his rental property located at 185 North Cordova Ave. P & Z had held a public hearing October 7 and unanimously approved the request; based on their findings of fact. After council discussion: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the C.U.P. based on the findings of fact. Approved unanimously.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the September report: Sales were \$88,361: down \$11,800 from August, and up \$10,000 from Sept. 2019. YTD Rev. up by \$96,801 & YTD Exp. up by \$180,160. September GP margin = 36.82%. Food GP = 32.42%. Business normal.

#### D) Police Department

Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of September: 170 calls @ 3,409 miles patrolled/ total calls down 30%, total miles up 23% for the year. Pfarr reported: working on blight properties and Use of Force training.

- 1) Council considered the Use of Force and Deadly Force model policy for the LCPD. After discussion: Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Weiers, to approve the policy for the Le Center Police Department. Approved unanimously.

#### E) Public Works: Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Sewer- repaired the 48” storm sewer that empties down into the creek on County Road 11 north end of town.
  - Parks- North Park closed due to vandalism; other parks soon to follow.
  - Water- hydrants all flushed and winterized.
  - Streets- sweeping leaves until winter snow/ county going to patch Cordova Ave.
- 1) Le Center Men’s Softball Assoc. has donated \$6,070 for two new bleachers at the softball fields in West Park. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to accept the donation, with gratitude. Approved unanimously.

#### F) Pool – Dorothy D. (absent)

- 1) Mayor Fredrickson noted the final pool report; not so bad when we take out the \$58,000 pool repair bill; otherwise right in line with other years.
- 2) Repair the bath house floor damaged by the hand sanitizer: table a decision until a second bid is obtained.

#### G) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Engineer Hawbaker reported on 2020 Street Project: utilities going in all the way up to Spors Street/ bituminous coming this week up to Solberg Street/ later: sidewalks up to Bowler Street. After council discussion: Yes – narrow Spors St. along the North Park south side to move the curb-line away from the gas line.

### V. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no petitions, requests, comments, or communications from the general public. There were no public comments on the preliminary tax levy or total budget.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A) Mayor Fredrickson & Administrator Collins explained the written agreement for the city to transfer all possession of old white schoolhouse over to the Le Sueur County Historical Society. Attorney Moran had written up the agreement, including a 99 year lease for the building to sit on city property. Agreement also includes the old settlers building on the same city property. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the agreement as written. Approved unanimously.
- B) Covid-19 CARES funds committee report: Administrator Collins updated the council on Covid Cares purchases. SEE report handed out.
- C) Mayor Fredrickson announced the final budget “public comment meeting” for Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- D) Mayor Fredrickson announced the “call or mail comments to” address, phone, whom.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Mayor Fredrickson read the Oct. 15 proclamation for Infants Remembered in Silence.
- B) Based on recommendation from county election office; Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, to move November council meeting to Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 pm. Approved unanimously.
- C) Special Event Permit for October 31 morning events; after council discussion: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Hintz, to approve the two permits. Approved unanimously.

## **VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.**

- A) Mayor Fredrickson read the flyer for citywide residential junk clean-up day to be held on Saturday, October 24.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:55 PM.

Chris L. Collins, Administrator