

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: None

Staff: C. Collins, C. Roemhildt, B. Pfarr, B. Vikla, A. Jacobs, Atty Moran

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from May 11, 2021 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 Harmeyer, 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 sale of the 10 acres in Industrial Park to Maud and Selly is completed. All 20 EDA Covid Business Relief Loan letters and amortization schedules have been sent out to those businesses. Note: the motel has been sold to a mother & daughter team recently. Director has been in contact with them.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block absent: Administrator Collins gave a brief report. P & Z has a July 6 public hearing set for a moved-in house application.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Asst. Manager Becky Vikla gave the May report: Sales were \$113,299: up \$15,000 from April; and up \$14,000 from May 2020. YTD Rev. up by \$14,763 & YTD Exp. down by \$1,222. May GP margin = 36.74%. Food GP = 32.96%. May = Pfeiffer & Cribbage tourneys, weddings, & graduations. June = more tourneys.

1) With Liquor Store Manager Brad Collins submitting his resignation as of May 15, the committee for hiring a replacement presented their recommendation: committee interviewed three good candidates; and was recommending moving Asst. Manager Rebecca Vikla up into the Manager position; and also recommends moving Head Bartender Sarah Dircks up into the Asst. Manager position. They work great together.

Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Hintz, to accept hiring committee recommendations and move these two current liquor store employees Up in position to fill our open spots. Approved unanimously.

D) Police Department

Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of May: 147 calls @ 3,385 miles patrolled/ total calls down 7%, total miles up 6% for the year. Pfarr reported: more blight and lawn mowing letters & stops have gone out; taking care of the issues.

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

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- dust control spraying is done/ summer sweeping program underway.
- Downtown- flower baskets are up in downtown area; finally looking good.
- Parks- fields being used; have games every night.

F) Pool – Dorothy D.

Councilman Scott reported pool will open Thursday that week. SEE pool article from Mgr. Dinwiddie she submitted to the local newspaper.

G) Fair Assn. – Nancy Stauff

Ms. Stauff reported on the upcoming 2021 County Fair August 19, 20, 21, 22: several new fair board members/ still planning the fair activities.
 Thurs. = draft horse show & corn feed/ Doug Traxler entertainment.
 Friday = demolition derby/ Red Dirt Road entertainment.
 Sat. = horse show & tractor pull/ concertina band & Smoke Screen entertainment.
 Sunday = ranch rodeo & car show.

H) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Engineer Adam Jacobs reported on 2020 St. Project: two blocks of underground left = North Park Ave. and Sixth St. Paving Spors & No. Montgomery. Going very well, they may wrap up the main work by the end of July.
- 2) Justin Kessler of Qualtek (AT&T) was present to address the mayor and council: AT&T is saying there are some water tower upgrades needed for them to be able to do their next technology upgrade to their antennas on our tower. Eight additional anchor bolts would go thru the existing plate to help reinforce the structure. There would be no danger to the water tower in doing this. BMI/ Adam Jacobs has signed off on allowing this. Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, to approve and allow this modification to the water tower structure. Approved unanimously.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) MetroNet Right of Way Agreement/ Franchise Agreement: Atty Moran has negotiated this with MetroNet and stated this is exactly what we want: provides fiber optic internet thru-out the community with several free drops at city locations. 10 yr. agreement. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott to approve Ordinance No 2021-2, thereby approving the ordinance agreement. Approved unanimously.
- B) Administrator Collins read his notes on the upcoming American Rescue Plan from the LMC webinar. Collins & Mayor Fredrickson explained the details known: \$290,000 approx. coming to Le Center @ ½ in 2021 and ½ in 2022/ can be used for water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure/ can use it to replace lost public sector revenue/ Not for city reserves or city debt service payments. More information to follow.
- C) Mayor Fredrickson reminded residents of the citywide junk throw-away to be held on June 19 with sign-up at city hall before June 14. Same parameters as last year. \$25.00 fee.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve American Legion SAL special event permit request for June 12 Annual Backyard BBQ. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Administrator Collins explained that City of Le Center was the featured city in the M.V.C.O.G. member showcase. Council suggested placement on the city web page.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:43 PM.

Chris L. Collins, Administrator