

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: None

Staff: C. Collins, C. Roemhildt, B. Pfarr, B. Vikla, C. Block, Dorothy D., Atty Moran

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from June 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to Agenda: Move Up: Public Forum= Layne Wilbright, TCU

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.

**** Layne Wilbright**, TCU Community Ed Director was present to discuss the Le Center Summer Rec Program; the program needs the city to consider contributing more a total of \$5,000 - \$7,500 so the Le Center kids can continue to attend the field trips with the Monty & Lonsdale kids. Le Center has the most kids in the program by double. Cities of Monty \$5,000 and Lonsdale \$3,500 contributions. Currently, City of LC, Fire Dept, & Community Club each contribute \$1,000 each towards paying the local high school coordinator (stays in town). Council will take a look at this during budget workshop.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins asked council to adopt resolution de-certifying TIF #16 as the county has done. Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, to adopt **Resolution No. 2021E**, thereby approving the de-certification of TIF #16 Horizon Place Senior Housing district. Approved unanimously. No other EDA business to report.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: 1) consider Conditional Use Permit request for Cliff Haefner of Le Center to move in house at 111 South Maple Avenue. P & Z approved the C.U.P. at July 6 public hearing. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to approve the Conditional Use Permit request based on the findings of facts and conditions listed in the P & Z official minutes and set a \$66,000 amount for Irrevocable Letter of Credit from Mr. Haefner. Approved unanimously.

- 2) C. Block explained the County Government Center front entry-way and sidewalk re-construct coming soon at the front of the building on Park Avenue. Will also include (2) two handicap parking spaces on the street. For council information only.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Becky Vikla gave the June report: Sales were \$103,113: down \$10,000 from May; but up \$4,000 from June 2020. YTD Rev. up by \$60,300 & YTD Exp. down by \$14,364. June GP margin = 35.09%. Food GP = ??%. June = graduations, beanbags, more tourneys. July= bar bingo. See ad for 3rd head bartender.

D) Police Department

Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of June: 129 calls @ 3,304 miles patrolled/ total calls down 8%, total miles up 5% for the year. Pfarr reported: briefly reflected on ½ year police call numbers/ submitted for \$2,377.00 POST Board training reimbursement expenses/ much discussion on city plans for police body cameras for the police dept. Policy is the driving force behind it working for the city. Bob P. get some cost estimates for the budget workshop meeting.

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

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- striping is done/ sweeping is ongoing.
- Parks- still busy with games/ park benches ordered, coming soon for No. Park
- Refuse- really busy on Sat. (3+ tons weekly). Shop parking lot soon to be blacktopped & concrete pads for the dumpsters. Part of street project.
- Sewer- staff televising for foundation drains; still many being found & getting disconnected- helping our I & I issue.

F) Pool – Dorothy D.

\$25,422 revenues taken in so far- about normal. Le Center lessons are way down; but Waterville & Cleveland are way up. Some popping of the new paint on the pool floor. Lots of new, young staff, doing well so far.

G) Fair Assn. – Nancy Stauff

Ms. Stauff reported on the upcoming 2021 County Fair August 19, 20, 21, 22: still planning the fair activities/ still trying to get a carnival (a maybe). D.J.'s each night before the main bands start. Sat. July 17 is Fair Community Dance at 7:00 pm with food trucks.

H) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Engineer Adam Jacobs reported on 2020 St. Project: All underground is in/ all curb & sidewalk is in/ just aggregate left on North Park Ave. and Sixth Street. Seeding, sod-work, and asphalt left for this year yet. Final lift pavement will be done next year.

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 explained the older Ordinance No 2021-2 approved last month vs. he has renegotiated a new ordinance franchise agreement with MetroNet that will give the city more perks. See No. 2021-3.
- B) Set the public hearing to consider the new Ordinance No. 2021-3 for MetroNet agreement: Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, to set public hearing for Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 6:30 pm at city hall. Approved unanimously.
- C) Mayor Fredrickson noted the Final 2021 city-wide junk pick-up report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt **Resolution No. 2021F**, thereby accepting the new funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Weiers, to approve and accept the 2021 County Hwy Maintenance Agreement for \$15,571.83. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Budget Workshop Meeting: Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, to set budget workshop meeting for Thursday, July 29 at 6:00 pm at city hall. Approved unan.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:17 pm.