

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: J. Weiers

Staff: C. Collins, D. Evans, C. Roemhildt, D. Carlsrud, B. Vikla, C. Block, Atty Moran

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from January 11, 2022 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: nothing new to report.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block reported: some land use inquiries/ may need a couple new P & Z members soon.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Becky Vikla gave the January report: Sales were \$91,767: down \$13,000 from Dec.- but up \$6,700 from Jan. 2021. YTD Rev. up by \$6,700 & YTD Exp. down by \$18,100. Jan. GP margin = 26.25%. Food GP = 36.76%. Feb.- Band 2/19, Pfeiffer, Meat Raffle, Super Bowl board & snacks. Will be fully staffed for St. Pat's celebration.

D) Police Department

Chief Derek Carlsrud reported on the police activities for month of January: 178 calls @ 2,935 miles patrolled/ total calls up 14%, total miles down 2% for the year.

Chief Carlsrud reported: Lexi-Pol training is on-going/ ordered 3 new radios/ trying to fill two P.T. positions/ early discussions with dealer on ordering new squad car/ taking some police training classes.

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

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- four snow plowing events in Jan./ cleaned around fire hydrants
- Parks- new LCFD scoreboard is installed at North Park/ needs to be wired
- Wastewater- will soon be issued our new 5 yr. permit/ staff working on it
- Refuse- more cardboard/ less co-mingle/ more garbage taken in 2021 than 2020. Plus 360 cu. yards of compost taken to Mankato.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

- 1) Engineer Adam Jacobs- No report on 2020 St. Project/ Reported old county jail parking lot: they want to place their storm sewer water into our storm sewer main. Corey B. added: he has told them they need to size the water run-off to meet our storm sewer main available size.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Summer Rec contribution: Administrator Collins asked the council to declare exactly how much more they wished to contribute to the Le Center Summer Rec program. This had been talked about previously, but never decided. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Scott, to contribute a total of \$5,000 to the program. Approved unan.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Hintz, to adopt **Resolution No. 2022A**, thereby Supporting Housing & Local Decision-Making Authority. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, to approve the 2022 Le Center Area Fire Service Contract. Approved unanimously.
- B) City of Le Center “Pay Equity” notice: Admin. Collins wanted to inform the council that the city has submitted its recent pay equity report thru M.V.C.O.G. and has been notified that the City may be out of compliance. A notice from the state suggesting this may be coming within a couple months; with instructions on how to remedy the situation. There was much discussion by the council. Councilman Hintz asked for an employee wage study to be done. No other action taken at this time.
- C) Notice of Moody’s Investor Service credit upgrade for the city: Mayor Fredrickson announced the city has been upgraded two notches to A3. This is a credit to the staff and council for their past work to help get this rating up. This upgrade will help the city to bond for money at lower interest rates for future street projects, etc.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Mayor Fredrickson announced the next L.S. County Officials meeting for Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 pm in Le Center.
- B) Administrator Collins read his letter of resignation as of February 27, 2022 for his F/T employment with the city. Mayor Fredrickson gave a big thanks for his service.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:38 pm.

Chris L. Collins, Administrator