

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

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: Mayor J. Fredrickson

Staff: City Administrator D. Evans, Public Works Superintendent C. Roemhildt, Police Chief D. Carlsrud, Liquor Manager B. Vikla, Building Official C. Block, Engineer A. Jacobs, Attorney J. Moran

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, Minutes from February 8, 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 Scott, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

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

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Evans reported: nothing new to report.

B) P & Z Report

Director Block was not present, no report.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Becky Vikla gave the February report: Sales were \$77,028: down \$14,838 from January. - but up \$883 from February 2021. YTD Rev. up by \$10,526 & YTD Exp. down by \$39,753. February. GP margin = 30.96%. Food GP = 40.06%. February - Band, Bargo, Pfeiffer, Trivia and Soup and Chili Contest and preparing for the St. Patrick's day celebration.

D) Police Department

Chief Derek Carlsrud reported on the police activities for month of February: 127 calls @ 3,044 miles patrolled/ total calls up 21%, total miles down 1% for the year.

Chief Carlsrud reported: Ordered new squad car / Lexi-Pol training is on-going/ trying to fill two P.T. positions. Carlsrud believed that part-time officers would make \$19 an hour however, council recalled that this was only discussed. Evans would look back in prior minutes to determine if a new wage was set. Carlsrud indicated that while looking on the POST board website at open positions, he felt the wage was too low compared to other communities. Joy ride program will be available for the St. Patrick's day celebration and two Officers will be on duty.

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

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- two snow plowing events in February / sweeping for celebration / two roof drains on municipal building will be altered to run water to storm catch basins / Bolton and Menk and public works staff divided the city into 5 sections to sealcoat 1 section a year at a budgeted \$75,000 per year.
- Parks- Skating rink is done for the year.
- Wastewater- Working with MPCA on new permit still.
- Refuse- 29 tons collected, 6 ton increase from last year. Fire Dept. will help burn the brush pile sometime this spring. Ash and street sweepings will be hauled to Mankato.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

1) Engineer Adam Jacobs- No report on 2020 St. Project/ Reported old county jail parking lot: Preliminary plan was submitted. Jacobs indicated they would need to obtain easements if working on private property and had them remove a storm manhole from the city sidewalk. They will need to submit a final plan before the city approves it.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A) Evans provided the council with the 2022 debt service payment schedule, info only.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, to adopt **Resolution No. 2022B**, thereby Reestablishing a Precinct and Polling Place. Approved Unanimously.
- B) Motion by Scott, Seconded by Weiers, to adopt **Resolution No. 2022C**, thereby Electing the Standard Allowance Available Under the American Recuse Plan Act. Approved Unanimously.
- C) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, to approve the American Legion Special Event Permit for the St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. Approve Unanimously.
- D) A Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, to approve the Le Center Chamber Special Event Permit for the Kickoff to Summer Event. Approved Unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Evans announced the next L.S. County Officials meeting for Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30 pm at the Toybox Salon in Kilkenny.
- B) Evans indicated that he would like to electronically distribute future agenda packets prior to the meetings. Paper packets will still be provided at the council meeting. This request was approved.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Hintz, for Acting Mayor Harmeyer to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:28 pm.

Dan Evans, Administrator