

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022 – 7:00 PM
10 W. TYRONE ST. LE CENTER, MN 56057**

*** MINUTES ***

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor J. Fredrickson, Council Members J. Weiers, N. Hintz, C. Harmeyer, C. Scott
Absent: None
Staff: City Administrator D. Evans, Public Works Superintendent C. Roemhildt, Police Chief D. Carlsrud, Liquor Manager B. Vikla, Building Official C. Block, Pool Manager Dorothy Dinwiddie, City Attorney J. Moran

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Harmeyer to approve the Minutes from June 14, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. 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 - Evans indicated that he is waiting for the four (4) Horizon Addition lot appraisals to be completed, that the EDA requested at their last meeting. Evans is continuing to go through expenses related to the city owned 200 East Blower St. property so the EDA can recommend a new lease agreement to the city council.
- B) P & Z Report - Director Block indicated there might be a variance request with a public hearing prior to the next council meeting, however the applicant has only submitted half the application.
- C) Liquor Store Report - Manager Becky Vikla stated that June 2022 sales were \$103,042. June sales in 2021 were \$96,393. Bar sales were up \$3,185 from 2021 and off sale was up \$2,234 from 2021. Gross Profit Margin was 34 percent and 40 percent on food. YTD revenues were up \$864 and YTD expenses were up \$30,900. Vikla stated that YTD expenses were up because of the new walk-in cooler purchased earlier this year. June Recap: Grad Parties. July: Ice for Relay for Life and Christmas in July. It was asked how Sunday sales were. Vikla indicated the winter

and mornings are better for Sunday sales, but Vikla would bring in more information next meeting.

- D) Police Report - Chief Derek Carlsrud reported on the police activities for month of May: 194 calls @ 2847 miles patrolled. Three (3) arrests (criminal, traffic, and a warrant). Carlsrud provided the council with surrounding area ordinances as it relates to noise violations. Attorney Moran requested these documents, so he can begin blending and drafting a proposed amending ordinance. Carlsrud provided the council with a packet of information containing part-time officer wage and statistics for the department. A four (4) officer mock schedule was provided to see how coverage would look if the city would hire of a 4th full-time officer. Carlsrud presented this as an informational packet to be taken home and analyzed. Motion by Scott to increase the part-time Police Officer pay to \$21 an hour. There was no seconded for the motion, motion died. Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Harmeyer to add the review/adjustment of part-time Officer wages to the August budget workshop meeting. Approved unanimously. Carlsrud hired a part-time Officer who will be starting July 30.
- E) Public Works Report - Public Works Superintendent Roemhildt reported the following:
- Streets – The paint striping sub-contractor for the 2020 street project is unable to get white paint because of a supply shortage. He has some yellow paint on hand and will do as much as possible before the new shipment of paint arrives. Road mill and overlay has started on Rolling Hills, should take about two (2) days to complete.
 - Water Tower – The exterior of the water tower is scheduled to be cleaned at the end of July.
 - Parks – Irrigation line broke at North Park, will be fixed when there aren't so many games scheduled. The West Park open grass area where kids sometimes play soccer continually has vehicles that drive through and rut it up. There is mulch in that area and can be moved if/when needed.
 - Dog Park – Roemhildt noted from the last meeting, that there are not many locations for a dog park that the city currently owns.
- F) Pool Report – Pool Manager Dorothy Dinwiddie reported for June: lessons/passes \$18,944, daily admission \$3,677, concessions \$3,790, Cleveland lessons billed \$2,240, 2787 total people used the pool, private parties \$375. Month deposit for June was \$26,410 which is average from years past. Nine (9) shifts are still open for the month of July. Dinwiddie is continually trying to recruit new lifeguards. Dinwiddie stated her concern that lifeguards will not come back next year with the current pay rate. Dinwiddie asked if the council could adjust wages for the lifeguards in August, no action was taken. Dinwiddie will obtain three (3) quotes for the pool bathroom flooring. One contractor stated that he would issue a lifetime warranty on the flooring. Patron chairs around the pool area are rotting and Dinwiddie will start looking to replace them. Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott to add seasonal life-guard wage discussion to the budget workshop meeting in August. Approved unanimously.
- G) Fair Association - Board Member Nancy Stauff advised the council that the U of M Raptor Center will no longer be coming to the fair because of the ongoing bird flu issues. Total of seven (7) food vendors thus far. Stauff indicated that they are always looking for sponsors and donations for the event.

- H) Bolton & Menk – Engineer Adam Jacobs advised the council that the final lift was completed for the 2020 Street Project. Jacobs presented the contractor pay estimate No.13 to be approved by the council. Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Hintz to approve the contractor pay estimate No. 13. Approved unanimously. Le Sueur Co. will bring underground storm sewer onto S Park Ave as part of their old jail / parking lot remodel. Adam’s was advised by council to find the warranty period for their contractor on the project before allowing them to cut into S Park Ave.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

LuAnn Leach at 585 North Waterville Ave, addressed the council with three questions as it relates to the 2020 St. Project. First, Leach asked what recourse she has if issues arise from the project. She was advised to contact the city administrator if any problems where to arise. Second, Leach asked if she could get more crushed rock by where the drive-over curb was placed, Jacobs said that he would look at it. Third, Leach asked if the city would remove a messy catalpa tree in the boulevard of her property. Leach was advised that the city only removes hazardous trees and if she would like to remove it, she need to hire out that service herself.

Leo Schmitz at 15 East Lanesburg Street, addressed the council again on the noise complaints that are coming from the fair grounds. Schmitz asked the council to resolve the issue of the noise and loud music coming from the fair grounds. Council advised that they are in the process of looking at improving the current ordinance as it relates to noise violations as what was discussed early that evening. Attorney Moran indicated that even with a potential revised ordinance the city may only be able to issue a citation for violating the ordinance. Leo was advised to seek legal guidance if he felt so strongly about the issue to see what his legal options are moving forward.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Mayor Fredrickson read out loud Resolution No. 2022K

**A RESOLUTION RENAMING NORTH PARK TO RON GERMSCHIED
MEMORIAL PARK IN HONOR OF RON GERMSCHIED**

WHEREAS, Ron Germscheid has been a lifelong resident of Le Center, graduating in 1970 with honors from Le Center High School and a 1974 cum laude graduate of the College of St. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Ron spent 34 years dedicated to the citizens of Le Sueur Co as its chief deputy auditor and county auditor; and

WHEREAS, Ron’s greatest legacy was his involvement with many community organizations and support for everything “local”, whether it be community events, sporting activities, and just about anything else asked of him; and

WHEREAS, Ron served as an ambassador for our community throughout his life and travels, always promoting the City of Le Center, its citizens, community organizations, and its Veterans Organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ron was a member of the Knight of Columbus, A founding member of the Le Center Lions Club, the Le Center Community Club, the Le Sueur County Sheriff's Youth Project, and the Le Center Volunteer Ambulance; and

WHEREAS, faith, family, and community were the most important things to his life.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Le Center that North Park be renamed to Ron Germscheid Memorial Park.

Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott to approve Resolution No. 2022K. Approved unanimously

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Regularly scheduled council meeting for August 9, 2022, will be rescheduled for August 10, 2022, at 7 p.m. because of the State Primary Election.
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Scott to approve Resolution No. 2022L Appointing Election Judges for the State Primary Election. Approved unanimously
- C) Mayor Fredrickson read out loud the Notice of Filing Affidavits of Candidacy for City of Le Center. General Election held on November 8, 2022 will be accepted at the office of the Le Center City Administrator commencing at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, August 2, 2022; and ending on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Offices open for filing include those of one (1) office of Mayor to serve a two-year term, and two (2) City Council members to serve four-year terms each. Candidates for office of Mayor or Council in City of Le Center must meet the following: Must be an eligible voter, Must be age 21 or more when assuming office, Must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at general election, Must pay a \$2.00 filing fee, Must file an Affidavit of Candidacy form in the Office of City Administrator, Must complete & file Campaign Finance Reports. The election for these city offices will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 between the hours of 7 am and 8 pm at Le Center City Hall.
- D) Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Weiers to approve the 2022 Le Sueur Co. Municipal Maintenance Agreement. Approved unanimously
- E) Motion by Scott, Seconded by Weiers to set the budget workshop meeting for August 23, 2022, at 6 p.m. Approved unanimously

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Evans indicated that Le Sueur Co. Public Health will be placing green ribbons in city park areas to show support for mental health awareness.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 8:07 p.m.

Dan Evans, Administrator