

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 – 7:00 PM
10 W. TYRONE ST. LE CENTER, MN 56057**

*** MINUTES ***

1. 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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A) Approval of Minutes from the Public Hearing held on October 11, 2022

B) Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 11, 2022

C) Approval of Bills to be Paid

D) Approval of Holly Daze Festival Special Event Permit

Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer to approve the consent agenda, Approved Unanimously

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

A) E.D.A. Report – Evans, No Report

B) P & Z Report - Director Block, No Report

C) Liquor Store Report - Manager Becky Vikla stated that October 2022 sales were \$95,655.

October sales in 2021 were \$90,286. Bar sales were up \$5,368 from 2021. October recap:

Successful morning for London football game, Pfeiffer tournament, hotdish contest, meat raffle, DJ and Karaoke, band Shenanigans for the Halloween bash. November: Turkey Bingo, Pfeiffer tournament, meat raffle, DJ after the parade.

D) Police Report - Chief Derek Carlsrud reported on the police activities for month of October: 205 calls @ 2701 miles patrolled. One (1) arrest. Carlsrud noted that the increase in calls was because officers are now pulling an event/incident report for each building check they perform. Carlsrud

indicated the new squad car was about 2 to 3 weeks until we receive it. Four (4) applicants applied for the full-time police officer position and the hiring committee will be interviewing three (3). Reminder of the 2am to 7am parking restrictions in the downtown area for snow events. Officer Orlando Hernandez organized the first annual trick-or-treat event out of city hall. Hernandez passed out candy in uniform to approximately 150 kids on Halloween.

E) Public Works Report - Public Works Superintendent Roemhildt reported the following:

- Exterior of water tower was cleaned.
- O’Keefe’s Meat market had a water leak and were forced to excavate street and sidewalk on Park Ave to fix the issue, city staff assist Selly Excavation in this process.
- Scheduled maintenance is being down on city plowing equipment in preparation for the snow season.
- Bio-solids were hauled to the cities 80-acre site, this was completed in about three (3) hours.
- 300 cubic yards of leaves have been compacted and disposed of.
- Staff and council discussed the operation of the city brush site at west park. The intent was to burn the brush pile this fall, but there was a burn ban in place for several weeks and now there is snow covering the brush. Staff will have to brainstorm ideas in the future on a more efficient brush site and potentially look at different locations.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott to approve Resolution No. 2022P Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate for Lots 14, 15, 16 and 17 all in Block 3, Horizon Addition, City of Le Center. Approve Unanimously
- B) Five (5) total applications were submitted for the Public Works Superintendent position. The hiring committee will review applications and make recommendations on finalist to interview with the full council.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer to approve Resolution No. 2022Q A Resolution to Canvass Election Results for the General Election held on November 8, 2022, Approved Unanimously
- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Hintz to approve the payroll consulting proposal from ABDO Finical Solutions. Approved Unanimously
- C) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers to approve Resolution No. 2022R A “Blanket” Resolution To Enroll Future Qualifying Part-Time Police Officers Into A PERA Police And Fire Retirement Plan. Approved Unanimously
- D) Public works staff obtained three (3) quotes on a new front-end loader as follows:
- Nuss Truck & Equipment for a Volvo L50HS with snowblower attachment, less \$25,000 for trade-in for a total price of \$147,647.

- RDO Equipment Co. for a John Deere 344L front-end loader with snowblower attachment, less \$43,000 for a trade-in for a total price of \$150,932.
- Ziegler for a CAT 914 front-end loader (loader only), less \$32,500 for trade-in for a total price of \$119,672.

Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Harmeyer to approve the proposal from Nuss Truck & Equipment and authorize staff to move forward with the purchase of the Volvo L50HS front-end loader.
Approved Unanimously

9. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Reminder of the Region Nine Development Commission Discovery Conversation Meeting that will take place on November 30th @ 6 p.m. (4H Family Center Building)
- B) Reminder of the Legislative Open House Meeting at TCU Highschool on December 14th or December 21st @ 5:30 p.m. Scott and Harmeyer will accompany City Administrator at this event.
- C) Reminder of the upcoming Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing to be held on December 13, 2022, @ 7:00 p.m.
- D) Reminder of the Ugly Sweeter Contest for Staff and Council Members at the December Regular Meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Dan Evans, Administrator