

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 – 7:00 PM  
10 W. TYRONE ST. LE CENTER, MN 56057**

**\* MINUTES \***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Mayor Christian Harmeyer, Council Members Nathan Hintz, Collin Scott  
Absent: Council Members Jennifer Weiers, Dan Steffen  
Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Evans, Public Works Superintendent Dan Steinborn,  
Liquor Manager Becky Vikla  
Others Present: None

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Scott to approve the agenda as distributed. All in favor, motion carried.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Scott, seconded by Hintz to approve the consent agenda items list below. All in favor, motion carried.

- A) Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 13, 2023
- B) Approval of Minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on June 28, 2023
- C) Approval of Bills to be Paid
- D) Approval of Resolution No. 2023P A Resolution Authorizing City Staff to Apply for a Grant Through Minnesota Department of Health Drinking Water Protection Program for Lead Service Line Inventory Technical Assistance

**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 June 2023 sales were \$108,893. June sales in 2022 were \$103,041. Sales were up \$5,851 from 2022. May gambling proceeds were \$7,685. June recap: Bean Bag tournament, Live Music by GTX Duo, Grad Parties. July Events: 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Live Music by Todd Jindra.

D) Police Report – Evans reported on the police activities for the month of June.

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

- City-Wide Clean-up day on June 17<sup>th</sup> had a total of 21 tons of garbage that was hauled away with a total price of \$4,226 including all labor. It was recommended that staff continue to run this clean-up day program on a yearly basis. Steinborn will work with LJP to set a date for next year.
- Chip sealing is set to beginning next week and door knockers will be placed to let effected residents know.
- Mill and overlay for Cordova is scheduled for the first part of August.

F) Pool Report – Pool Manager Dorothy Dinwiddie reported on the pool activities for the month of June: Lessons/passes \$22,530. Daily \$5,720. Concessions \$1,857. Month deposits \$30,107. Repairs are complete and new hot water heater is working well. There is still a shortage of lifeguards and scheduling on the weekends can be difficult. Dinwiddie indicate that the outfit that applied our new epoxy flooring is no longer in business, but the product is nationwide, and that company will stand behind the lifetime warranty.

G) County Fair Board update – Nancy Stauff said the following attractions will be at the County Fair this year: Axe throwing in a portable trailer and can have two people throwing at time, new bleachers are being set up in the demo derby area. Take-n-bake contest on Sunday.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Evans summarized Attorney Moran’s memorandum to the council in regards to labor negotiations with Mitch Overn as the next Police Chief. Evans indicated the following as the framework for a formal employee agreement to follow: Base rate of pay would be \$105,000 per year based off a 2080 hour work year or 40 hours per week, 80 hours per pay period. There would be a 5% COLA increase in January. He would be credited with 21+ year of service for vacation time to be accrued at the regular city rate of 7.70 hours per pay period equaling 25 days per year. He would start out with a bank of 12 days’ vacation. This follows current City policy. He would receive sick time to be accrued at the rate of 1 day per month or 12 days per year. He would start out with a bank of 6 days’ sick. This follows current City policy. He would be entitled to comp time at an hour-for-hour basis for any hours worked over 40 per week with a maximum accrual of 90 hours. There would be no initially banked comp time. He would receive health insurance per city policy. \$1050 uniform allowance, the current amount offered to all full-time officers per current City policy. Start date would be September 1, 2023. Motion by Hintz, seconded by Scott to approve Mitch Overn’s conditional offer of employment. All in favor, motion carried.
- B) Mayor Harmeyer stated that no one turned in a city logo artwork submission. Evans advised that three (3) concept logo designs were submitted from Little Sugar Designs at the request of Evans. Council and Staff will continue to work with the designer to refine the best concepts and ideas. This topic will be tabled for now.

- C) 2nd Reading & Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-2 An Ordinance Approving a Rezoning of Real Estate and Amending Document 306280, The City of Le Center Zoning Map. Motion by Scott, seconded by Hintz to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Motion by Hintz, seconded by Scott to approve Resolution No. 2023Q A Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a New & Used Automobile Sales. All in favor, motion carried.
- B) Motion by Scott, seconded by Hintz to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Minnesota Teamsters Public & Law Enforcement Employees' Union Local No. 320. All in favor, motioned carried.
- C) Motion by Hintz, seconded by Scott to approve the 2023 Municipal Maintenance Agreement between the Le Sueur County and the City. All in favor, motioned carried.
- D) Motion by Scott, seconded by Hintz to approve Resolution No. 2023R A Resolution Approving Parcel ID No. 20.670.0010 to go to Public Auction for Non-Payment of Property Taxes. All in favor, motion carried.
- E) Motion by Hintz, seconded by Scott to approve Resolution No. 2023S A Resolution to Approve the Interior Restoration & Painting of the Water Treatment Plant Quote by Mean of Direct Negotiations. TMI was awarded the work for \$117,500 to be paid from the American Rescue Plan Act Dollars. All in favor, motion carried.
- F) Motion by Hintz, seconded by Scott to approve Resolution No. 2023T A Resolution to Approve the Interior Remodel and Roof Repair of the Emergency Management / Conference Room Quote by Means of Direct Negotiations. Woelfel Building Construction, Inc. was awarded the work for \$25,692 to be paid from the General Fund. All in favor, motion carried.
- G) 1st Reading of Interim Ordinance 2023-3 An Ordinance Prohibiting The Sale, Testing, Manufacturing, Cultivating, Growing, Transporting, Delivery, And Distribution Of Cannabis Products In The City Of Le Center. Evans explained that this Interim Ordinance would be in effect up to January 1, 2025, but would give the City an opportunity to review model ordinances on cannabis and make sure all the necessary additional zoning guidelines were in place.
- H) Motion by Scott, seconded by Hintz to Set a Public Hearing for Interim Ordinance 2023-3 for August 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. All in favor, motioned carried.

**9. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.**

A) Motion by Hintz, seconded by Scott to set the Budget Workshop Meeting for August 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

B) Mayor Harmeyer wanted to remind everyone that the Ron Germscheid Memorial Park (formally North Park) Dedication will take place August 1, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business; Motion by Hintz, Seconded by Scott, for Mayor Harmeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Dan Evans, Administrator