



WORKSHOP MEETING

**LE CENTER CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009 @ 6:00 PM AT CITY HALL**

*** NOTES ***

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Wetzel, Dinwiddie, Krenik, Fredrickson, Squires

Absent: None

Staff: Clerk Collins, Supt. Roemhildt, Chief Pfarr, Attorney Moran

I. FIBERGLAS FABRICATORS LOAN

Fiberglass Fabricators has made one loan payment in the last five years. Council wondered why we should let this go for them, when every other EDA loan recipient is paying off their loan?? Atty Moran explained how he has been trying to get Fiberglass to agree to any sort of repayment plan on the \$92,000 loan balance. They refuse to commit to anything; and in fact will not even acknowledge they owe the money. Council generally agreed: Atty Moran sue this out for collection of the loan balance.

II. JENSEN'S ANIMAL BOARDING

Too much time & discussion has been spent on this issue. The amount is negotiable; not enough to worry about. Staff try to get a 2010 contract amount from Jensen's for budget.

III. EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Council needs to set new policy for employee insurance. Attorney Moran incorporate the following language into policy: After age 18 or until high school graduation; dependents must be either enrolled full-time in post-secondary college, or up to age 23, to still be considered as a dependent covered under their parent's city coverage. Must give minimum 30 day notice to dependents as to change. Staff- keep track of this internally. Put this in employee handbook.

IV. WEB SITE ADVERTISING

Council generally agreed: private ads should be small and off to the sides of the main page and include links to their own page. Send the Leader calendar up to be put on each month.

V. STREETLIGHTS/ 2010 MINNESOTA STREET PROJECT

No price yet from suppliers. Can we assess this out to the adjoining property owners? Clerk feels our ordinance says No. Possibly change the ordinance? Sell plaques on the poles again?

VI. "WELCOME TO LE CENTER" SIGN

All agreed- a good idea, but what to say on it? who should pay for it?? Chamber, Community Club, & EDA should pay for it? Do two instead of one? Director Hayden do the fundraising for it, go to the other organizations. Mayor Wetzel call an EDA meeting to get ball rolling. Do something permanent that's gonna last a long time.

VII. POLICE CAR OPTIONS

"Buying on Lease" is already in the 2010 budget. Council generally agreed: buy an SUV Expedition type vehicle instead of a car for resale value and near same gas mileage. Sept. council meeting decide when and what to order.

VIII. DOWNTOWN DUMPSTERS

Council generally agreed: leave situation as is. There is no good solution.

IX. REQUEST FOR 3.2% BEER LICENSE

Council generally agreed: grant 3.2% Beer license to Kelly Ashley Co-Ed Softball Tourney on September 12th pending acquiring liquor liability insurance.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further topics for discussion, Mayor Wetzel closed the Workshop Meeting 8:00 pm

Chris L. Collins, Admin. Clerk/Treasurer, City of Le Center