

**CITY OF LE CENTER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026 – 7:00 PM  
10 W. TYRONE ST. LE CENTER, MN 56057**

**\* MINUTES \***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Mayor Christian Harmeyer, Council Members Philip Campbell, Dan Steffen, Bob Emmers, Tom Vavra  
Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Evans, Public Works Superintendent Dan Steinborn, Police Chief Mitch Overn, Liquor Store Manager Becky Vikla, City Attorney Jason Moran  
Absent: Building/Zoning Official Corey Block

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Vavra, seconded by Emmers to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

A) None

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Steffen, seconded by Vavra to approve the consent agenda items listed below. All in favor, motion carried.

- A) Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 10, 2026.
- B) Approval of Claims to be Paid
- C) Approval to hire Kellen Schaefer as Full-Time Police Officer.
- D) Approval of Special Event Permit for the Kickoff to Summer Event Requested by the Le Center Chamber
- E) Approval of Special Event Permit for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of American Celebration Requested by Anita Janda and Dale Schmoll.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A) None

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

A) None

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

A) None

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Campbell, seconded by Steffen approval of Industrial Wastewater Treatment Agreement with Dessert Holdings LLC. City Administrator Evans stated that the city has had an SIU since about 2006. Evans stated that this agreement etches out who is responsible for what, and how the city at the wastewater treatment plant treats their usage. Evans also stated that the most significant change is that the city is moving to a more real time usage billing other than the previous way was on an average based upon usage in the past years. All in favor, motion carried.
- B) Motion by Emmers, seconded by Steffen approve Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailer License for Radermacher's Foods of Le Center, Inc. City Administrator Evans stated that this license will follow the operation of hemp businesses for the low potency hemp edible, and abide by the no sales between 1:00 am - 8:00 am. Attorney Moran stated that statutorily the city is capped at no more than \$125 calendar year fee. All in favor, motion carried.
- C) Motion by Steffen, seconded by Campbell approve Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailer License for the Le Center Municipal Liquor Store. City Administrator Evan stated that the OCM will issue the license and part of the process is establishment is attesting that they will work with the local city to do the local registration. The city did wave the \$125 fee. All in favor, motion carried.
- D) Motion by Emmers, seconded by Vavra the approval of Traffic Control Designation Change – West Ottawa Street. Mayor Harmeyer stated he teaches driver ed and this is a sloppy stop for cars. Harmeyer also mentioned that this is a high traffic area for kids walking to school and heavy machinery from the city shop. City Administrator mentioned from a legal standpoint that the city council does have legal authority on city owned roads to designate stop and yield signs. All in favor, motion carried.
- E) Motion by Vavra, seconded by Campbell to approval of EDA Business Subsidy Development Policy. City Administrator Evans stated this policy identifies the needs for funding mechanisms for businesses, what objectives are there, evaluating criteria, and the application process to get EDA loans. It puts a policy on how the EDA is going to grant and go through the information for loan programs. All in favor, motion carried.

## 10. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATIONS

- A) P & Z Report – Corey Block – Absent. City Administrator stated that himself, Corey, and Jim are working on a land unit development ordinance (PUD). A public hearing will be planned for the first part of April. Council member Steffen stated that there will be a planning and zoning meeting on April 7, 2026, at 7:00 pm.
- B) Liquor Store Report – Vikla reported the February 2026 sales were \$84,674.87 an increase of \$5,438.64 from 2025. January 2026 gambling was \$6,450.74 and January 2026 C&N sales were \$964.33. February events included Pfeffer tournament, Live Music, and Karaoke. Upcoming March events will be the St. Patrick's celebration.
- C) Police Report – Chief Overn reported February 2026 there were 222 calls for service, 390 calls so far for the year which is up about 11% from 2025. Patrolled 2185 miles. Chief Overn mentioned that with the snow melting Officer Huber got a jump on the public nuisances. Letter are going to be sent out to the landlords in town, reminding them that ultimately, they will be getting a citation if their renters fail to comply with the city ordinance. At the beginning of 2027 the police will be getting a new RMS system; a part time officer has been

tasked with going back to 2015 to complete some of the reports and investigations that are open (about 274) in preparation for the system switch over. Attorney Moran commented that the nuisance properties are also rental properties, he thinks that the city needs to monitor this and it is possible if the city continues to have issues that the city takes action on rental licenses.

D) Public Works Report - Steinborn reported the following:

- Ice Rink is officially closed
- Park bathrooms will not open until after April 15.
- Started sweeping streets

E) Administrator's Report – Evans reported the following:

- City Day on the Hill event at the state capital.
  - LGA Transportation Housing
- MnDOT caps local share .8% of adjusted net tax capacity for \$18,000 for project. Cost Participation Policy.

F) Le Sueur Co. Commissioner Updates – Dave Preisler reported the county has had two hearings on a comp plan in front of the county commissioners which means they have satisfied requirements for hearings. Now in the editing phase of the comp plan. Work session with the board on March 24<sup>th</sup> with a pretty close final document. County has not signed any NDA and has not had any discussions with any data centers. County has been working on getting a new technology system for health and human services current system was built in 1989. Discussions have been made on highways and bridge repairs and state funding.

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

A) Council member Emmers stated that himself and Council member Campbell met with the library expansion committee and discussed that the expansion comity has raised \$129,000 of their \$510,00 goal. Four more fundraising events have been planned,

- City Wide Garage Sales
- Kick off to Summer
- August 8<sup>th</sup> Betty Traxler is going to be doing dinner and a show at the Legion.
- Formal Event

B) Le Sueur County Official meeting March 25, 2026, 6:30 at the American Bar and Grill in Montgomery

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Steffen, seconded by Campbell, for Mayor Harmeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.