

Pipestone, Minnesota
March 2, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in the Municipal Building at 5:15 p.m. on the 2nd day of March 2016. Mayor Laurie Ness called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Members present: Laurie Ness, Jim Stout, Myron Koets and Rodger Smidt. Excused: Kyle Caskey. Others present: Jerry Remund, Chuck Ness, Linda Spronk, Stan Spronk, Tim Haubrick, Chuck Sendelbach, Christy Johnson, Jerry Pankonen, Bryce Stevens, Jake Bauman, Greg Carrow, Sara Priester, Gavin Winter, Bob Buffington, Scott Park, Deb Fitzgerald, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, City Administrator/City Attorney Jeff Jones and City Clerk Deb Nelson.

Mayor Ness stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss and answer any questions regarding the Alcohol and Beverage Dispenser Agreement for serving alcohol at the Hiawatha Lodge.

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones informed the Council that he had received several questions from liquor vendors regarding the Agreement and felt a special meeting should be held to answer any questions.

Gavin Winter, representing the Pipestone Country Club, stated after reviewing the contract the Country Club Board felt there were unanswered questions and requested the Council clarify some of the language in the contract. He suggested the Council put together a list of alcohol vendors in the City and hand out to individuals requesting alcohol at their event and let them choose which provider they would like to use.

Councilmember Smidt stated the Pipestone Area Foundation had requested the City choose one alcohol vendor so that all events requesting alcohol, whether big or small, would get service.

Discussion followed on how the City should proceed with the bidding process.

Motion was made by Koets, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve vendor bids be based on a percentage of gross sales with the provision that events with 50 or less people be charged a flat fee of \$100.

Discussion then followed regarding allowing only vendors licensed in the City of Pipestone to bid or open the bidding process to anyone.

Jerry Remund suggested opening the bidding to licensed vendors in the County of Pipestone.

City Clerk Nelson asked for clarification on a state catering and liquor license. Does the holder of a state catering and liquor license have to serve food with alcohol or can they just serve alcohol if another caterer is chosen for an event.

It was the consensus of the Council to gather more information regarding the state license before any decision is made.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Koets, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Laurie K Ness

ATTEST:

Deb Nelson
City Clerk