



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023
7 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Dan Louismet called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The City Clerk took attendance for Councilmembers Kevin Edberg, Steve Engstran, Heidi Hughes, Dan Jones and Bill Walsh. Staff in attendance were City Manager Lindy Crawford, Assistant City Engineer Nate Christensen, City Clerk Caley Longendyke, and City Attorney Troy Gilchrist.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on June 13, 2023

It was moved by Councilmember **Engstran**, seconded by Councilmember **Jones**, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes of the City Council Work Session on June 13, 2023

It was moved by Councilmember **Engstran**, seconded by Councilmember **Hughes**, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Jones complimented the succinct minutes and Mayor Louismet thanked City Attorney Gilchrist for his informative presentation.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember **Jones**, seconded by Councilmember **Hughes**, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept minutes: April Environmental Advisory Commission, April Park Advisory Commission
- B. Resolution approving a special event application for White Bear Lake Area Schools at Railroad Park **Res. No. 13205**
- C. Resolution accepting bids and awarding contract for the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project **Res. No. 13206**
- D. Resolution adopting the updated Ramsey County Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan **Res. No. 13207**
- E. Resolution approving a polling place change for Ward 5 for 2023 elections **Res. No. 13208**

It was moved by Councilmember **Engstran**, seconded by Councilmember **Hughes**, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nothing scheduled.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Nothing scheduled.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City Charter

Charter Commission Vice President Marc Aune presented the second reading for proposed amendments to the City Charter. Similar to the first reading on June 13, Aune summarized the proposed changes, which include correcting references to elections, removing gender-specific terms, making Minnesota State Statute references more general and extending appointment terms for city attorneys. Councilmember Edberg referred to the Charter Commission's 9-2 vote on the resolution amending the appointment term limits for city attorneys and asked about the opposing views. Aune said those members who voted nay were in support of maintaining the one-year term limit or were in favor of a different specified term limit. Aune said there was general consensus in understanding among Charter Commission Members that the City Council will be the deciding body for the proposed contracts. Mayor Louismet reiterated his comment following the first reading that the request to increase the term limit was initiated by City Manager Crawford and himself as a logistical and financial benefit for the City. He noted that the original request was to increase appointment terms from one to three years, but said the five years will still accomplish the goal of allowing flexibility for multi-year contracts. Councilmember Edberg thought a three-year term limit in the City Charter would have been more reasonable than allowing terms up to five years, and asked staff not to feel obligated to appoint attorneys for a full five-year term.

It was moved by Councilmember **Engstran**, seconded by Councilmember **Edberg**, to approve the **Ordinance No. 23-06-2062** amending the City Charter as it relates to municipal elections, gender-specific terminology, city attorney appointment term length, and state statute references. Motion carried unanimously.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 410.12, Subd. 7, the City Charter amendments will be effective 90 days after City Council approval (September 25, 2023), unless a signed petition by registered voters is submitted to the City Clerk within 60 days of approval.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License Application for The Minnesotan Productions Co.

City Clerk Longendyke presented a liquor license application for The Minnesotan Productions Company, doing business as The Minnesotan. The business, which currently operates as a retail clothing store, will be transforming into a bar later in 2023 and the owner has submitted an application for an on-sale intoxicating liquor license and Sunday liquor license. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was approved on February 14 to allow the business to shift from a retail clothing store to a Liquor Lounge, with the Liquor Lounge being the primary use and retail clothing store as the accessory use. Longendyke restated a condition of the CUP that at least 70% of the floor plan must be the Liquor Lounge and no more than 30% can be used for the accessory retail space, and explained that the condition is relevant to the liquor license. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, Part 7515.0430, Subd. 3, no license shall be granted for any

premises with inside access to another business establishment unless the combination is permitted under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 340A. She explained that since a clothing store is not outlined in state statute as an allowable combination, the two spaces need to be separated physically with signage indicating where liquor can be consumed, and transactions need to be separated with two checkout counters.

Longendyke displayed the floor plan and explained the separation that will be installed. She described the self-pour beverage-dispensing system, which allows customers to load monetary credit onto a scannable card or wristband which is used to serve themselves alcoholic beverages from a variety of taps. She reviewed the conditions that accompanied the liquor license, including maintaining the CUP conditions, maintaining separation of the businesses, complying with liquor laws, offering food for the Sunday liquor license and monitoring use of the self-pour beverage-dispensing system. Mayor Louismet asked if there were staff concerns about the enforcement of the conditions. Longendyke explained that the license involves state liquor laws and that it is expected that the applicant follows these laws to maintain their license. The City will do regular compliance checks and follow up on any reported violations as it would for other liquor establishments.

The applicant, Corey Roberts, was invited to share more about the business concept and the self-pour beverage-dispensing system. He indicated that the transformation of the business is expected to start in late-August and will reopen with its new liquor lounge in October.

It was moved by Councilmember **Jones**, seconded by Councilmember **Walsh**, to approve the **Res. No. 13209** approving on-sale intoxicating and Sunday liquor licenses to The Minnesotan Productions Co. dba The Minnesotan. Motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION

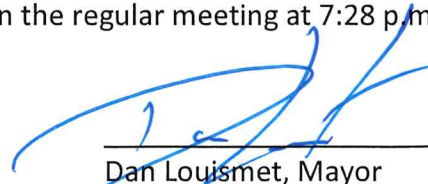
Nothing scheduled

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Crawford shared event information for the Farmers' Market, Donuts with Cops, and Fireworks. She provided a recap of topics covered during the League of Minnesota Cities annual conference in Duluth. Councilmember Walsh, who also attended the annual conference, shared comments about some of the sessions. Councilmember Edberg recognized staff for their hard work and coordination of Manitou Days and shared his appreciation.

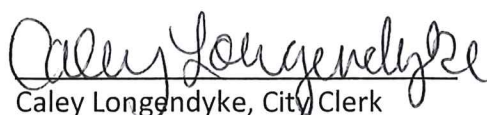
12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, it was moved by Councilmember **Engstran**, seconded by Councilmember **Edberg**, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Dan Louismet, Mayor

ATTEST:



Caley Longendyke, City Clerk