

A Pre-Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 20th day of September 2016.

Present were Councilmen Barks, Carsrud, Jerred, Kuntz, McGrath, Montgomery, and Mayor Carter-King; City Administrator Napier; Attorneys Anderson and Davidson; Directors Aguirre, Boger, Glover, Hamilton, Hloucal, Pitlick, and Wilde; Managers Palazzari and Davidsmeier; and City Clerk Abelseth.

Warm Up Items

Councilman Carsrud thanked staff for the patch work done on Gurley Avenue.

Gillette Main Street Paver Project

Jessica Sedars explained the Gillette Main Street Paver Project. After the explanation Council asked that the materials and engraving be looked at for longevity purposes, and bring this information back for Council to review. Ms. Sedars reported that the project would not begin with pavers until next spring.

Razor City Liquor Update

Tom Simons provided an update regarding the progress with his building and road project. Mr. Simons informed Council that the road permit was issued last week; building design is pretty much done; the bank required more money down; and one of the investors had a personal issue that came up. Mayor Carter-King asked when he would be starting on the building. Mr. Simons reported that the road would be going in first, and the building after that. He added that the road project should be starting any day. Councilman Jerred asked if the road had to be built before obtaining a site plan. Staff informed Council that a road does not have to be built prior to submission of a site plan. Mr. Simons reported that the architecture work is complete; just waiting to go out for bid. Mayor Carter-King asked if the design of the building and cost would be the same as presented to Council previously. Mr. Simons replied yes. Councilman Barks stated that when the liquor license was issued, 16 months was the agreement for the project to be completed or the license would come back to the City. Where are we on that? Mr. Simons replied that is still their projection; if the City plans on yanking the license after 17 or 18 months, then it won't be a go. The banks will not loan the money if they feel the City is going to yank the license. Councilman Barks asked for the date of the agreement, he feels that, clearly, the license was issued contingent upon the project being completed within 16 months. Again, Mr. Simons stated that the banks won't loan the money if they feel the City is going to take back the license in a couple months. Mayor Carter-King stated that the license was issued back in March and would think the financing would already be taken care of. Attorney Anderson reported that on February 16th, the public hearing for the renewal of the liquor licenses was held. Council removed this particular license from the rest of the licenses for general approval. The minutes state that the renewal is contingent upon the letter submitted by Tom Simons entitled "Liquor License Transfer" dated January 13, 2016. The license was renewed contingent upon compliance with the terms of the letter which has the timetable for construction. Councilman Jerred asked Mr. Simons what he anticipates the completion date to be. Mr. Simons replied that he is still hoping to make that 16 months from when he originally got the license. Councilman Jerred questioned if Mr. Simons could get the building up by February or March. Mr. Simons replied that February would be 12 months, there is still March, April, June. Attorney Anderson stated that the agreement says the facility would be constructed and operational within 12 to 16 months, and was dated January 13, 2016. Councilman Carsrud encouraged Mr. Simons to keep the Council informed of the progress regarding the construction, just as another license holder has. Mr. Simons stated that the other license holder is not putting 4.5 million dollars into a facility; they are redoing a kitchen and a little remodel. Councilman Kuntz stated that he remembers being told by Mr. Simons that he was ready to break ground. Councilman Kuntz added that this is some of his concern; it's been how many months and Council has seen no progress. Mayor Carter-King asked Mr. Simons to notify Council when he has a ground breaking and to keep Council informed of the progress. Mr. Simons agreed.

Employee Appreciation Day Discussion

Administrator Napier stated that this discussion is in response to Council's suggestion that perhaps, staff needed to look at the policy governing the day after Thanksgiving. Safety Manager Milliron explained proposed changes to previous practices regarding the day after Thanksgiving. He explained the requirements for receiving the day after Thanksgiving as a "Employee Appreciation Holiday". After general discussion, Council thanked staff for their work on this subject.

Review September 20th Agenda

The group reviewed the upcoming agenda items.

Executive Session

Councilman Carsrud made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation; seconded by Councilman McGrath. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m. An audio recording of this meeting is available in the City Clerk's Office.

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk
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Louise Carter-King, Mayor