

Special Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Tuesday November 14th, 2023

A special meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the Community Room on Tuesday November 14th, 2023 at 7pm. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, John McMasters, Donna Bumann, Jodi Hope, Allen Wilde, Jeremy Woodcock, Rick Olson. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, David Fields from the Kingsbury Journal and several legion/community members.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wienk at 7:02 pm.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Olson to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Wilde inquired about the reasoning for the meeting, he inquired if there a business actively looking for a liquor license?

The number of licenses were discussed, 3 on sale licenses are set for any community under 1,500 residents, after another 1,000 residents is when a 4th can be gained. Council expressed that they are looking into the 60 days- due to an inquiry.

Delzer stated that the reason for this meeting was an informational meeting, some misinformation had been happening. Termination of the license—which could not happen without the legal steps enforced.

David Shepherd read aloud a letter that was put together by the legion members the night before. This letter and proof of dates was disbursed to all council members. The liquor committee was discussed, which consisted of McMasters, Bumann and Hope.

Wienk explained that the council is just doing their due diligence to follow the law. Delzer and Wienk made a few statements, Wienk added that the legion does do great things for the community.

Some Facebook comments and questions were read aloud. Wienk stated that the LP Indoor Country Club had not pursued getting the license nor did he have others try for him.

Council and Legion members had a lengthy conversation as to who filed a complaint, what are the repercussions of only have 59-day, legal notices of revoking a license. Several Facebook comments were read aloud.

Bumann stated that she did not go the extra mile to find something wrong, this is just following the law.

Wienk stated that anything beyond following the law, the legion can reach out or be reached out to, to discuss further.

Legion member stated that if there are questions by the liquor committee, please reach out before the December meeting. Wienk and Delzer closed the meeting with apologizing, this could have been handled in a very different manner.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Andy Wienk, Mayor

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