

On March 17, 2025, a Special City Council Meeting of the Minot City Council was held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall (10 3rd Ave SW). Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Paul Pitner, Tom Ross, Scott Samuelson

Members Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PROJECT BEE CONTRACT & EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEASE NEGOTIATION WITH CHEN CHENG HUAN D/B/A GRAND HIBACHI BUFFET, INC. (OISHII RAMEN)

Mayor Ross mentioned the next item on the agenda are two executive sessions.

The first executive session is for attorney consultation for the Council to receive and discuss its attorney's advice regarding reasonably predictable litigation regarding its contract with Project Bee.

The second executive session is being held to discuss negotiating strategy and provide negotiating instructions regarding the City's contract with Chen Cheng Huan d/b/a Grand Hibachi Buffet, Inc. (Oishii Ramen).

Both executive sessions will allow time for the City Council to seek and receive their attorney's advice and guidance on the legal risks, strengths, and weaknesses of the actions of the City, which, if held in public, would have an adverse fiscal effect on the City.

The legal authority for closing these portions of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.1(5) and (9).

At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss agenda items in the executive session.

The motion to move the City Council into executive session was initiated by City Council Member Pitner, seconded by City Council Member Jantzer and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Paul Pitner, Tom Ross, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.

The executive session will be recorded, and all members of the Council are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the Council will occur after it is reconvened in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive session. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instructions to our attorney or other negotiators.

At this time, the Council will relocate to the City Council conference room adjoining Council Chambers. During the executive session, members of the public attending the meeting are welcome to remain in the Council Chambers. We anticipate adjourning the executive session and returning to the dais to reconvene the open portion of this meeting, at approximately 5:25 pm.

The minutes will show that the executive session began at 5:04 pm and was attended by the Mayor, Council Members, Finance Director, NDR Program Administrator, City Manager, City Clerk, Assistant City Manager, Assistant City Attorney Dickerson, and Laurie Nishek.

The motion to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular City Council meeting was initiated by City Council Member Pitner, seconded by City Council Member Fuller and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Paul Pitner, Tom Ross, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 5:36 pm. The Council has returned to the dais in Council Chambers, and we are now back in open session.

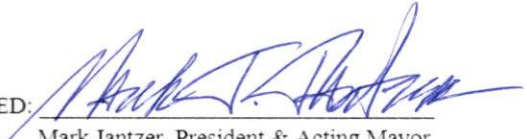
POTENTIAL ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no potential action following the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm was initiated by City Council Member Pitner, seconded by City Council Member Olson and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Paul Pitner, Tom Ross, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.

ATTEST: Mikayla McWilliams
Mikayla McWilliams, City Clerk

APPROVED: 
Mark Jantzer, President & Acting Mayor