

On August 26, 2024, a Special Meeting of the Minot City Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Blessum, Fuller, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Ross, Samuelson

**Members Absent:**

None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE CAP REMOVAL & EXECUTIVE SESSION: FEDERAL GRANT COMPLIANCE**

Mayor Ross stated the next items on the agenda are two executive sessions. Agenda Item #3 is an executive session for attorney consultation regarding removal of the City's Retail Liquor License Cap. Agenda Item #4 is for attorney consultation regarding the City's federal grant compliance files. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code Sections 44-04-19, 44-04-19.1, and 44-04-19.2.

At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss agenda items number 3 & 4 in executive session.

The motion to approve the City Council move into executive session 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.

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 reconvenes in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive session. In this situation, the prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instructions to our attorneys.

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 remain in Council Chambers. We anticipate adjourning the executive session, and returning to the dais to reconvene the open portion of this meeting, at approximately 3:30 pm.

The executive session on item #3 began at 2:34 pm and was attended by all members of the City Council, as well as the Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, Assistant City Manager, City Manager, Finance Director, the Communication and Engagement Manager, Chief of Police, Community Development Director, Assistant City Attorney, and Katie Schmidt.

Katie Schmidt, Chief of Police, and Community Development Director exited the executive session at 2:59. The executive session on item #4 began at 2:59 pm and was attended by all members of the City Council, as well as the Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, Assistant City Manager, City Manager, Finance Director, the Communication and Engagement Manager, Assistant City Attorney, NDR Program Administrator, and Internal Auditor.

At 3:56 pm, the motion to approve the City Council move into open session and return to dais was initiated by City Council Member Pitner, seconded by City Council Member Blessum 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.

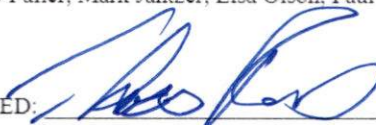
**POTENTIAL ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The motion to release the memo from outside counsel regarding removal of the City's Retail Liquor License Cap and direct the Alcohol Ordinance Review and Rewrite Committee to bring back recommendations to City Council was initiated by City Council Member Blessum, seconded by City Council Member Pitner 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 pm was initiated by City Council Member Pitner, seconded by City Council Member Samuelson 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:   
Thomas Ross, Mayor