

CITY OF HALSTAD
Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2022

Public Hearing Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Halstad was duly called and held in said City on April 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The following council members were present: Mayor Darin Johnson, Brandon Mickelson, Mike Trygg, Donna Scholl, and Shirley Weeding. The following council members were absent: None

Others in attendance: Bruce Lee, Brock Robertson, and Clerk Terri Trygg.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing regarding The Zone on 75 Liquor License applications at 6:01 p.m.

Brock Robertson was invited to speak about the background and experience of the owners, and how they plan on running the bar. Initially they will offer high quality, short order menu items, and they are working with the State of Minnesota to attain approval for a full kitchen. Hours will be 11 am to 12 pm weekdays, and 11 am to 1 am on weekends. Robertson assured the council that they had attended server training, and that they have policies and staff incentives implemented to ensure minors are not served. Their plan is to make The Zone on 75 a family friendly venue, with a variety of activities and offerings.

Upon no further questions or public comments, the Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Special Meeting Minutes

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Halstad was duly called on April 7, 2022 at 6:14 pm with all attendees listed above present.

The Clerk reported The Zone on 75 filed a completed application and provided other necessary documentation for an On Sale, Sunday, and Off-Sale Licenses in the City of Halstad, and the County Sheriff and County Attorney have signed off on their part of the forms.

Brandon Mickelson asked Robertson about minors being allowed in the bar. Robertson indicated that the off-sale is separate and minors will be prevented from entering that area, and they would follow regulations regarding minors in all other areas of the bar. Mike Trygg noted some reservations about Mr. Robertson's previous legal issues identified in background checks, and how those issues appear to disregard the laws of Minnesota. Robertson addressed those concerns and took accountability for his past actions. He shared that the safety of the customer and the public is important to them, and it is the policy of the owners that owners and staff may not drink in the bar. Mike Trygg also shared that if the bar owners submit a written plan regarding their liquor policy, they can apply for a \$100 discount on their license. Shirley Weeding asked how often the owners will be in the bar. She noted concerns if owners are not involved in the day to day activities. Robertson indicated that he and Josh Nelson would be splitting their time between their two businesses, and they are planning to be in Halstad at least 4 to 5 days per week.

Motion by Donna Scholl to approve the Liquor License applications, seconded by Brandon Mickelson. Roll call vote was unanimous, motion carried. License approved pending approval from the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement.

Motion by Donna Scholl to adjourn at 6:30 pm, Shirley Weeding seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimous motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, April 11, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

Terri Trygg / City Clerk