

## LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Present: Jim FitzGerald  
Ben Bautch  
Ward Danielson

Excused: Dustin Goutermont  
Absent: Bradley Rowlee

Katelyn Bullock- Liquor Store Manager  
Lana Fralich, City Administrator

FitzGerald called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Danielson, second Bautch to approve Agenda with addition of Tobacco Sales and Trailer to New Business. MOTION CARRIED.

**Approval of the minutes** – Motion by Danielson, second Bautch to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2025 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

**Communications/Public Comments-** None at this time.

**Manager's Report** – Bullock was promoted to Liquor Store Manager and reports things are going well. Training on daily's and transfers will begin in the near future. THC Seltzers will be added to inventory as long as they comply with State Statutes. Inventory lists and pricing sheets are being updated, profit margins discussed. Discussion regarding upgrading coolers due to age, parts are becoming obsolete, Bullock will find out costs to include in budget. Further discussion regarding digital signage, name the bar contest, upgrading the basement to make it ADA compliant in an effort to utilize space or lease to another business, deck addition to the Lounge and Reunion Hall, parking lot improvements, shelving for snowmobile/atv helmets and jackets, and installing games in place of tables that are not used.

### **Upcoming Events-**

NSAP meat raffle – Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>

Bands – Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

MN ATV Rally – Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at the arena. Lounge will provide bar service. Waiting on Special Events permit.

**Reunion Hall-** Nothing at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS-**

**Liquor Store Staffing Update-** New part-time help, one 32-hour position has been filled. Bullock is holding off on filling the additional 32-hour position but may have a part-time employee interested.

## **NEW BUSINESS –**

**Tobacco Sales-** Discussion on adding tobacco sales back to the Liquor Store due to local businesses closing early and requests by customers. Consensus of board was to move forward with Bullock obtaining information regarding permitting process, costs, and sales to begin selling a small inventory of tobacco products at the lounge.

**Mobile Trailer-** Discussion regarding purchasing a mobile bar trailer to be used at events. Trailer purchase will be reviewed with the 2026 budget. Bullock will contact MN Alcohol & Gambling division to determine permitting requirements. Danielson will look for trailer options not to exceed \$30,000.

City Administrator Fralich asked the commission to keep in mind the MN State Statute regarding revenue loss. If there are two years loss reported, a public hearing is required to determine keeping municipal liquor store open.

Motion by Danielson, second Bautch to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson