

**Brainerd, MN
December 22, 2014**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Special Meeting of the Brainerd City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President Dale Parks.

Upon roll call, the following members were noted present: Matten, Pritschet, Bevans, Scheeler, Borkenhagen, Koep and Parks. Mayor Wallin was also noted as present.

The Chair opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Christmas Eve Hours – City Offices to Close at 2pm – Employees to Use Vacation or Comp Time to make up 2.5 Hours – Approved

As indicated in the Packet attachments, City Hall has closed early on December 24th (Christmas Eve) for a number of years. In general, non-emergency offices closed at 1pm or 2pm with employees paid for the remainder of the day and employees at the offices required to stay open (police/fire) were given comp time for the remaining hours.

Council discussed the reasons behind the early closing and both sides of the situation including employee concerns expressed to Council Members and the cost to the City if employees are simply “given” those 3+ hours. It was also mentioned that the item could be included in the next union negotiations.

After Council discussion the following motion was made:

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN SCHEELER AND BEVANS TO CLOSE CITY OFFICES AT 2:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 24, 2014 WITH NO FINANCIAL OR COMPENSATION TIME TO BE GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES; VACATION OR COMP TIME ACCRUED MUST BE USED BY EMPLOYEES TO MAKE UP FOR THE 2.5 HOURS THE OFFICES ARE NOT OPEN.

Upon roll call, members Matten, Bevans, Scheeler and Borkenhagen voted, “aye.” Members Pritschet, Koep and Parks voted, “nay.”

Tobacco License – Submitted by Kristy Deanna Larson, Limos Etc. Inc dba Risky Business Novelties and Videos – Contingent upon Inspection by the Fire Department – Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE TOBACCO LICENSE SUBMITTED BY KRISTY DEANNA LARSON, LIMOS ETC. INC DBA RISKY BUSINESS NOVELTIES AND VIDEOS – CONTINGENT UPON INSPECTION BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

Patrick Wussow
City Administrator