

## City of Battle Lake Council Meeting – July 25, 2023

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Mayor Richard Bullard called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2023, with Council members Don Maslow, Julia DeMars and Ryan Christensen attending. Marjorie Quammen attended virtually from her location at Buchholz Seed Farms, 4255153 Ave. SE, Mapleton, ND 58059 due to health concerns. Also present at City Hall were Clerk/Treasurer, Val Martin; Public Works Superintendent, Chris Johnson; and Attorney, Crystal Lemmer. City Attorney JJ Cline attended virtually. Additional visitors from the public were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

DeMars made a motion to approve the agenda. Maslow seconded. MCU

### Visitors

Anna Kunz was present to request approval of a liquor license transfer from Stubs Dining Hall and Saloon to Stub's Restaurant and Gunpowder Bar. She is purchasing the business and they are closing on July 31, 2023. Maslow made a motion to approve an on-sale and Sunday liquor license for TAWL Holdings, DBA Stub's Dining and Gunpowder Bar, contingent on the background check and all paperwork being submitted. DeMars seconded. With a roll call vote, those in favor include Bullard, Christensen, Maslow, DeMars and Quammen with no members voting no. MCU

Christensen made a motion to waive the \$300 meeting fee for Kunze as there are several other items that came up for this meeting. Maslow seconded. MCU

Christensen made a motion to approve **Resolution 2023-75-25A Gambling Site Permit for Stubs Restaurant and Gunpowder Bar**. DeMars seconded. With a roll call vote, those in favor include Bullard, Christensen, Maslow, DeMars and Quammen with no members voting no. MCU

**Jade Berube, City Engineer** presented information on some possible changes to the city parking lot that connects with the Hatchery parking lot. Bullard made a motion to approve the sloping of both the east and west side and the use of rocks as described along with a height restriction bar as you come into the City's parking lot. Christensen seconded. With a roll call vote, those in favor include Bullard, Christensen, Maslow, DeMars and Quammen with no members voting no. MCU There will be more information provided at the next City Council meeting including costs to the City for the improvements made to the parking lot. There was also a discussion on snow removal for the share lot – maybe the Hatchery could plow and the City could remove the snow from the location? A meeting between the City and the Hatchery owners will need to take place to discuss how this looks.

Quammen made a motion to approve the claims list as presented. Maslow seconded. With a roll call vote, those in favor include Bullard, Christensen, Maslow, DeMars and Quammen with no members voting no. MCU

Johnson presented pricing from Tenvoorde Ford and Juettner Motors for a new public works pickup. The quotes were for government pricing. He has been waiting to hear back from Nelson Auto Center in Fergus Falls for the state bid price. There is a small window that new trucks can be purchased and the council can decide to go with the lowest price from Juettner or wait until the next meeting and take a chance on being able to get the state bid price which may or may not be less money. Maslow made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 F350 as presented from Juettner Motors for \$51,453.64 and to trade in the 2013 F250 for the purchase. Estimated trade-in was \$13,000. Christensen seconded. With a roll call vote, those in favor include Bullard, Christensen, Maslow, DeMars and Quammen with no members voting no. MCU

The council discussed an initial meeting date for a combined meeting with the Planning Commission. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with Hometown Planning.

### NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Council Meeting – August 8, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting/Budget Work Session – August 22, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn 7:45 p.m.

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Valerie Martin, Clerk/Treasurer