

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special City Council meeting was duly held in the City Council chambers at 5:00 p.m. on the 28th day of May 2020. The following were present: Mayor Doug Henke, City Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Public Works Director Wayne Ehrich, Liquor Store Manager Matt Bartel, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht

Via Zoom Video Conferencing the following members were present: Council members, Dan Rechtzigel, John Mortensen, and Tom Gard; Also, present: City Attorney Scott Riggs, Pool Manager Cheryl Dahl  
Absent: Richard Nielsen

Mayor Henke called the special meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

### **Discuss expanded outdoor alcohol sales – Matt Bartel Manager -Kenyon Muni**

Liquor Store manager Matt Bartel updated the Council on the plans to open outdoor alcohol sales. On June 1, restaurants and bars will be allow to re-open for outdoor service only. The plan is to install a six-foot-high privacy fence to enclose the grass area to the east of the Liquor Store. The capacity would be limited to 50 people with a minimum of 6 feet between tables. Advance reservations would be required to enter. There would be an outdoor bar setup and the workers would be required to wear masks. Customers would enter and exit the outdoor area through the building. Access to the bathrooms would be limited to one customer at a time. Beverages would only be served in disposable plastic glasses or cans.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Mortensen to approve the request of Matt Bartel to expand outdoor alcohol sales for the Kenyon Muni starting June 1.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard - Aye

Motion carried 4-0-0.

### **Revised Administrative Policy #31**

Administrator Vahlsing stated that Appendix B had been added to Administrative Policy #31 COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. Appendix B is a requirement of the State of Minnesota outlining the guidelines for bars and restaurants to safely reopen.

Motion by Henke second by Gard to adopt the revised Administrative Policy #31.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard - Aye

Motion carried 4-0-0.

### **Resolution 2020-14: Authorizing the Granting of Regulatory Flexibility to Businesses in the City of Kenyon**

City Attorney Riggs stated that this resolution was necessary to allow establishments like the VFW to conduct outside food and beverage services. Under the Emergency Declaration Act, this resolution would grant the City Administrator temporary authority, as a result of the COVID-19 virus, to issue certain types of relief from local ordinances that may inhibit reopening or adapting sales. The types of relief could include temporarily allowing outdoor service of alcohol for liquor license holders, allowing installation of temporary signage, or certain types of sidewalk sales, etc. The use of these powers would be extremely limited, would not be able to grant waivers to State or Federal Laws, and the Council would be notified of any actions taken.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Mortensen to adopt Resolution 2020-14 Authorizing the granting of regulatory flexibility to businesses in the City of Kenyon.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard - Aye

Motion carried 4-0-0.

### **Update on 2020 Kenyon Pool Opening and Season**

Administrator Vahlsing reviewed the latest modifications related to the Governors Executive order on the possible opening of the pool for the 2020 season. Currently, pools are projected to be allowed to open under Phase 3 of the Governor’s plan, which does not have a set date yet. City Staff recommended

moving forward as if the pool will still be opening at some point this summer. Public Works Director stated that he would need a two-week notice to fill, heat, and treat the pool prior to opening. The City Council will discuss this further at the June Council meeting

Motion by Mortensen second by Gard to adjourn the special Council meeting at 5:35 pm.  
Motion Carried 4-0-0

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Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant

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Douglas Henke, Mayor