



City Council
Meeting Briefing
April 4, 2016

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A special daily malt beverage and wine permit, a permit to exceed noise levels, and the closing of Market St as it abuts Ratingen Platz for Green Thursday on the Platz events to be held April 21, 2016 were all approved.

A special daily malt beverage and wine permits for Vermillion Area Arts Council events to be held at 202 Washington St and fairgrounds west arena on April 23, 2016 were approved.

A special daily malt beverage and wine permit for the Clay County Agricultural Fair Association for an event at the fairgrounds on May 7, 2016 was approved.

The transfer of the retail off sale malt beverage license to Jay Ambe-7, LLC from Freedom Valu Center, Inc for Erickson Freedom Valu Center at 830 E. Cherry Street was approved.

The second reading of Ordinance 1335 which allows for the use of novelty fireworks on July 4th, defines the sales permit process for vendors, and permit requirements for displays was approved. The Council also approved a resolution setting the permit fee for selling legal consumer fireworks at \$25.

City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 1336 which requires all current and future fraternity and sorority housing to have a rapid entry system.

City Council adopted a resolution setting the wastewater rate at 127% of the average 2016 first quarter water usage to meet the 2016 budget and debt service requirements.

A resolution to remove the Main Street Project from the Statewide Transportation Project list was approved by the City Council.

City Council approved a resolution that declares one car, one pickup, and six other pieces of equipment as surplus material designated for sale by the City.

An easement was approved for access to 410 S. Dakota Street.

City Council approved a resolution to purchase an excavator through the National Joint Purchasing Alliance to be used by the Solid Waste Department at the landfill.

Council received a report from the Policies and Procedures Committee meeting about modifying the Equal Opportunity Policy to include gender identity and expression. A resolution to amend the Policy accordingly will be presented at a future Council meeting.

City Manager Report Notes

1. The City Council will consider an ordinance to permit backyard chickens at the April 18, 2016 evening meeting. A draft of the ordinance is available on the City's website.
2. E. Main Street from Prentis to S. Norbeck and Anderson St from E. Main to Mulberry will be closed from 10 am to 2:30 pm on Wednesday, April 13th for a high school mock accident scene.
3. Two terms on the Library Board of Directors will be expiring in May. Expression of Interest forms are due by Noon on Friday, April 22nd.
4. Public meeting on Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. The conceptual plan for downtown landscaping, sidewalks, intersection safety improvements, etc. will be presented for public comment.
5. Changes to the R-2 zoning presented at the March 7th noon Council meeting and approved at the March 29th Planning Commission meeting will be part of May 2 City Council agenda.
6. Lot 12 and Lots 22, 23 and 24 of Block 2 of Bliss Pointe Addition were final platted by the City Engineer.