

**CITY OF RANIER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2017 @ 6:30 PM**

Mayor Dennis Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Council Present:** Mayor Dennis Wagner, Councilmembers Todd Coulombe, JoAnn Kellner, Bob Dunbar, Ron Wilcox

**Absent:** None

**Others present:** City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux, Deputy Clerk Tara Mai, Bud Lessard, Gary and Deb Abrams, Marty Goulet, Pat Bracken, Whitney Jackson, Jeff and Amy McHarg, Kalan Wagner, Barry Woods

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- To approve tonight's meeting agenda.

**A motion to approve tonight's agenda with the above addition was made by Councilmember Dunbar; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously.**

**BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION**

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (09/19/2017).

**A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 09/19/2017.**

- To approve payment of the Claims for the month of September, 2017.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the September, 2017 claims in the amounts of:**

**\$20,275.55 for General Fund  
\$30,739.35 for Liquor Fund  
\$17,467.68 for Water Fund**

- To approve microdistillery cocktail room license for Cantilever Bridge Distillery, LLC contingent upon approval from federal and state authorities upon obtaining necessary liability insurance and criminal background check.

A proposed development of 2078 Spruce Street will include a microdistillery and cocktail room. A municipality may issue the holder of a microdistillery license a microdistillery cocktail room license which authorizes the sale of distilled liquor produced by the distiller for consumption on the premises. The development group would like for the council to pre-approve the cocktail room license contingent upon federal and state license approvals and contingent upon obtaining the necessary liability insurance, licensure and sheriff's criminal background check.

**A motion to pre-approve the microdistillery cocktail room license contingent upon receipt of federal and state licenses, necessary liability insurance and criminal background check was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously.**

### **LIQUOR STORE**

- To approve the September, 2017 Liquor Store operating statement.

The Council reviewed the Operating Statement for the month of September, 2017 with a net profit of \$4,254.22 or 12.08% compared to September 2016 with a net loss of \$578.57 or 2.09%. The year to date net profit is \$30,546.94 compared to 2016 of \$23,766.72.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the September 2017 Liquor Store Operating Statement.**

### **BUILDING, STREETS AND GROUNDS**

- Variance Request and Conditional Use Permit for Cantilever Bridge Distillery, LLC.

The group is asking for a variance from the maximum lot coverage. The lot size is 113' x 120'. The building will be 95' x 95' approximately, however, the plans are still fluid. In addition, a conditional use permit to operate the micro-distillery, cocktail room, retail space and boutique hotel rooms is requested.

Koochiching County Engineer Joe Sutherland suggested that (with Board concurrence) that the County Survey Department and Highway Department could work together to perform survey work at the development site to identify lot lines and county rights of way. Sutherland suggested that council approval could be contingent on the developer working with the County to confirm lot lines and county road right of way limits to the County's satisfaction before final development plans are approved and/or construction begins.

In regards to parking, the city, county and developer will work together to work out any parking issues.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the variance from the maximum lot coverage and the conditional use permit for Cantilever Bridge Distillery, LLC.**

**WATER SEWER**

- To set a special meeting to discuss City of International Falls Water Rates.

Special meeting is scheduled for 10/31/17 @ 2:00.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to set the special meeting to discuss water rates.**

**OPEN FORUM**

Some complaints were made in regards to blasting that occurred today from Bowman’s quarry pit. Mayor Wagner will discuss with County Engineer Joe Sutherland.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:45 pm.**

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Mayor Dennis Wagner

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux

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Date