



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO – Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer

DATE OF MEETING: December 2, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Wal-Mart Supercenter #750 Liquor License Renewal

BACKGROUND:

I received an email on September 21, 2024, from Iowa ABD that Wal-Mart Supercenter #750's liquor license was eligible for their renewal. I emailed this to the Building Official, Fire Department, and Police Department so they were able to start their process. On September 23, 2024, I received an email from the Building Official that the emergency lighting was inoperable, and a Walmart Manager would put in a repair ticket. On October 2, 2024, I received an email from Iowa ABD that the application was now "Submitted to Local Authority" with a tentative effective date of December 1, 2024. During this period, the Fire and Police Departments had said they approve of the renewal. The Building Official had been working with Walmart staff about the emergency lighting. On November 25, 2024, I received an email from the Building Official that the emergency lighting had been repaired. This was unable to be added to the November 25th Council agenda as it was less than 24 hours. This work session is the first meeting that it could be brought forth to Council to potentially minimize any delays of deliveries that Walmart may need to receive to continue operations.

DISCUSSION:

Typically, these are placed on the Consent Agenda and there is minimal, if any, discussion.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Engaging and Catalyzing Community.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The City does receive a portion of the liquor license fees paid to Iowa ABD. The portion received varies depending on the business.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the Wal-Mart Supercenter #750 Class E Retail Alcohol License renewal effective December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2025.