



## CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Presenter:</b>	Sharon Hanson/Steven Anderson
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, April 28, 2026
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Consider Approval of a Special Law for Southwest Minnesota State University
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) reached out to local legislators Rep. Swedzinski and Senator Dahms to allow SMSU to be able to sell strong beer and wine on campus during sporting events. Under Minnesota Statute §340A.404 thirteen types of establishments are allowed to possess an on-sale intoxicating liquor, wine or malt liquor license.</p> <p>In February, Senator Dahms and Rep. Swedzinski both introduced special legislation (<a href="#">SF3676</a> and <a href="#">HF3382</a>) to allow SMSU to serve alcohol at the Schwan Regional Event Center and Recreation/Athletic Facility. The language was similar to language introduced in 2025 for Minnesota State University, Mankato to allow MSU Mankato to serve alcohol at the Taylor Center. On April 21, 2026, Governor Walz signed SF2511 into law which included the provisions to allow the City of Marshall to issue an on-sale wine and beer license to SMSU.</p> <p>As required under the approved law the special license does not become effective until it is approved by a majority vote of the Marshall City Council, and a certificate is filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State.</p> <p>Once effective SMSU will still need to apply for and go through the liquor licensing process, which would include an application and fee, a public hearing, and physical site inspection from Minnesota Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	\$600 on-sale wine license and \$300 on-sale beer license
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	To adopt Resolution 26-036 approving Minnesota Laws, 2026, Chapter 48, Section 16 authorizing the City of Marshall to issue an on-sale wine and malt liquor intoxicating liquor license to Southwest Minnesota State University.