



## CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Presenter:</b>	Sharon Hanson/Steven Anderson
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Consider Support for Senate File No. 3676 and House File No. 3382: Special License 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. For SMSU to be allowed to sell alcohol the Minnesota Legislature must enact a special provision for specific locations. Most of the special provisions authorized by legislature are for Minneapolis/St. Paul and Duluth.</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. If passed, the special legislation still requires SMSU to apply for and go through the local liquor licenses process which would include a public hearing under City of Marshall ordinances and a site inspection from Minnesota Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement.</p> <p>Senator Dahms, Rep. Swedzinski, and SMSU have requested that the city council give support for the proposed legislation before it moves through the various committees. If passed, under Minnesota Statute §645.021 the special law would need to come before city council once again to become effective and must be approved by resolution.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	n/a
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	To authorize support of SF3676 and HF3382 to allow the City of Marshall to issue an on-sale wine and malt liquor intoxicating liquor license to Southwest Minnesota State University.