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**Meeting Date: 3/17/25**

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**To:** Council

**From:** City Administration

**Item Title:** **Approval Vendor(s) to Serve Alcohol at the Hiawatha Lodge**

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**Background:** In the past, the city held an exclusive alcohol dispenser agreement with one sole vendor which allowed alcohol to be served at any event at the Hiawatha Lodge. Currently, there are no licensed on-sale liquor license vendors willing to hold an exclusive annual agreement with the city. Therefore, city administration is recommending that the city operate according to MN State Statute 340A.404 Subd. 4. which allows the governing body of a municipality to authorize any holder of a retail on-sale intoxicating liquor license issued by the municipality or by an adjacent municipality to dispense intoxicating liquor at the Hiawatha Lodge. Moving forward, Council will need to approve each event and vendor where alcohol is being served at the Hiawatha Lodge.

City staff will be reaching out to all on-sale intoxicating liquor license vendors in Pipestone County to form an alcohol vendor list for renters to utilize when renting the Hiawatha Lodge.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Recommendation:** City Administration is recommending Council approve on-sale liquor license vendor, Utopian Paradise, LLC. to serve alcohol at the Hiawatha Lodge for event(s) on:

- March 18, 2025
- April 12, 2025

**Attachments:** None.