

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT



MEETING: Development Services Committee Meeting – March 21, 2023
Present: P7 Gerald Cook, Chair; P2, Justin Haschke; P6 David Baskett; P8 Mark McClinton
Absent: None
DEPARTMENT: Development Services
STAFF CONTACT: Steve Killen

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss Ordinance Adopting Extended Hours for the Sale and Offer to Sell Mixed Alcoholic Beverages by a Holder of a Mixed Beverages Late Hours Permit

On February 21, Mr. King, City Manager, provided an overview of a recent inquiry by a local business owner involving the sale of Mixed Beverages to extend business hours. Mr. King stated the City Council could consider an ordinance to allow extended hour sales. Such ordinance would be for all properly licensed establishments.

The Committee requested additional information from the Police Department on how extended hours could impact public safety.

On March 21, 2023, Chief Dan Harris of the Stephenville Police Department provided an overview of data related to DWI arrests and service calls related to businesses engaging in services related to the sale of alcohol. The Development Services discussed the possibility of allowing alcohol related businesses to extend operations by 1 hour. The consensus was to not take action that would result in any modification to the current requirements.

ACTION: No formal action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM: Recommendation to Approve Contract for Professional Services to Update the City's Comprehensive and Thoroughfare Plans

Last Fiscal Year, the City Council allotted funding to engage consulting services to update the City's Comprehensive and Thoroughfare Plans. A Request-for-Proposals was issued with a submittal due date of February 15, 2023. Five firms submitted packets and a four-member Panel was formed to evaluate the submittals. The Panel selected the top three firms and conducted virtual interviews on March 3, 2023. On March 7, 2023, the City Council authorized staff to enter negotiations with specific instructions as follows:

1. To pursue negotiations with two firms, Verdunity and Lionheart Places. Verdunity will be contacted to perform the fiscal analyses/cost impacts of our current and future development trends. Lionheart will perform the remaining components of the plan.
2. If Verdunity and Lionheart decline a joint effort project, staff will be authorized to enter negotiations with the selected firm to perform the entire project.

Lionheart Places, LLC, has added a fiscal analyses component. Total cost, within the scope of the contracted services, will be \$310,000.

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