



FRAZEE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

6:01 p.m.
June 25th, 2018

Mayor Ludtke called the Meeting to Order

Council Members Present – Bonnie Julius, Mark Flemmer, Mike Sharp & Ken Miosek
Also, Present – Tom Winter/City Attorney, Denise Anderson /Administrator, Marian Estenson/Deputy City Clerk, Tyler Trieglaff/Police Chief, Larry Stephenson/Public Works Supervisor

As per Sign-Up Sheet

Dave Weisgerber, Kari Weisgerber, Joel Fremstad, Amber Bender, Bradley Bender, Brikker Ware, William Jupitz, Tim Conklin, Timothy Kerekes and Matthew Abraham

Business of Special Meeting –To discuss and consider changes to amend Code of Ordinances Title 9, Chapter 2

Ludtke opened the meeting to concerned individuals during the open forum and stated that each person would be allowed to speak about their concerns for a period of three minutes in order to keep the meeting moving so all had an opportunity to address the Council. Those who wished to address the Council had signed in on a sign up sheet prior to the meeting and were acknowledged in that order.

Dave Weisgerber and Kari Weisgerber chose not to speak

Joel Fremstad - Identified himself as an attorney from Fargo who had been retained by individuals to protect their interests. Fremstad said he'd only had an hour to review the proposed Ordinance changes and stated that the changes are unconstitutional. He said that any inspections done in a rental property requires a search warrant citing MN Statutes, he said the proposed ordinance will be open to court action and violates due process.

Amber Bender – Expressed concerns regarding tenants and said that Frazee is a great little town. She also stated that this ordinance would place her license at risk and risks everything she has built. She feels the ordinance would violate tenant's rights and that the City hasn't made any efforts to reach out to her

Bradley Bender – Said he moved his business into Frazee 18 months ago and feels his business is being directly attacked. He cannot be an EDA member and stand behind the City because it does not welcome businesses. He asked the council to reach out to landlords and reconsider.

Brikker Ware – Said he was born and raised in Frazee and loves this town. He said he is frustrated and doesn't feel the ordinance is fair. He asked that the Council please reconsider.

William Jupitz – Asked that his attorney speak for him.

Joel Fremstad – Referred to an ordinance from Red Wing that had failed, and the City had to pay attorney fees. He also said to tone it down referring to a letter to the editor in the Frazee-Vergas Forum.

Tim Conklin – Feels that the Frazee police are not respectful to his tenants and that patrolling through the court is unnecessary.

Timothy Kerekes – Feels that landlords paying bills for tenants is not fair and that landlords should set appointments not the tenants. He said that landlords need accountability citing the 3 strike rule currently in place. He requested that the Council show more flexibility stating that tenants have jumped through every hoop.

Dave Weisgerber – Addressed his comment to Council member Sharp stating “If you think I'm making so much money please buy me out”. He cited that he had helped a handicapped lady in his rental.

Open Forum was closed at 6:14 p.m.

Mayor Ludtke ask Tom Winter to address the Council. Winter said that similar ordinances have been passed through out the state modeled after the city of Minneapolis. There is no promotion of discrimination in this ordinance. The goal is not to impede but to make conditions as safe as possible for renters.

Ludtke stated at this time the reading of the ordinance would be foregone.

A Motion to forgo the reading of Ordinance 151 was made by Miosek, second by Flemmer and all present in favor.

Flemmer asked how this ordinance would promote discrimination. There was discussion of background checks and crime statistics.

Sharp introduced new verbiage to be included in Ordinance 151 in the following subsections:

9-2-4 Sharp noted in A & B to add email to the list

9-2-5A At least 60 days

9-2-9 add email address

9-2-13 The city will provide notice

Winter informed Council that generally a city is able to make changes and adopt an ordinance but when an ordinance is highly contested he advised the issue be tabled.

A Motion to table Ordinance 151 until the next Council meeting was mad by Miosek, seconded by Julius. All present in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion to grant a gaming permit to The Frazee Wrestling Boosters on July 29, 2018 at the Frazee Derby Center was made by Sharp, seconded by Julius. All present in favor. Motion passed.

A motion to grant Heart O' Lakes VFW Post 7702 special serving permits for the following dates: July 6 & 7, July 13 & 14, July 20 & 21, 2018 for the property adjoining the rear of their building.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. was made by Miosek, seconded by Flemmer

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST;



Denise Anderson – City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator