

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 16, 2019**

Mayor Marshall convened the City Council Workshop meeting at 5:30 p.m. with Council members Richard Brainerd, Tim Deans, Jeff Ledermann, and Steve Wolgamot in attendance. City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Attorney Jay Karlovich, Finance Director Scott Schaefer, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Council member Brainerd moved, and City Council member Wolgamot seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSS GAMBLING ORDINANCE**

City Attorney Jay Karlovich reviewed the current Charitable Gambling Ordinance compared to the League of Minnesota Cities Model Ordinance and then compared it to sixteen other Twin Cities suburbs ordinances. He said Mahtomedi's Ordinance requires 40% of gross profits must be spent by licensed organizations within the City's Trade Area. He noted of all the other ordinances he reviewed, Mahtomedi requires the least amount of gross profits spent in the trade area. He said we can amend the ordinance to require 100% of profits be spent in the trade area. We can also enact provisions that favor local groups.

Council member Wolgamot said that an application for a gambling organization will only come forward with the consent of a business owner. He asked what types of establishments are more successful, a bar or a restaurant/bar.

Alex Rogosheske, Mahtomedi Youth Hockey Association, said the former Jethro's location was very successful. He said the Hockey Association spends 100% of their profits in the community. He thinks it is a great idea for local organizations to be in local establishments.

Council member Wolgamot feels that most people that spend their money here live here and they should get that benefit from the gambling organizations. He thinks the ordinance should be amended to; increase the percentage of profits that must be spent in the trade area, limit how many establishments one gambling organization can be in to two, and require a percentage of members of the organization live in the trade area.

Alex Rogosheske said he agrees with increasing the percentage of profits being spent in the trade area, it will encourage local organizations to be in Mahtomedi. He said if the city were going to limit the number of organizations allowed in establishments, he would ask that number be at least three. He said their goal is to continue to grow their

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organization and having the capability to be in three establishments would help that goal. He said it is up to the bar owner who they want in their establishment.

Ken Lohr said he feels the easiest way to keep the profits in the city is to raise the percentage.

Council member Wolgamot suggested staff prepare a draft ordinance amendment and send it to the gambling organizations and the liquor establishments for comments.

The consensus of the City Council is to have staff draft an ordinance amendment and send the draft ordinance to the gambling organizations and the liquor establishments for comment before amending the ordinance.


**ADJOURNMENT**

The workshop was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

**ATTESTED:**

**APPROVED:**

  
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**JERENE ROGERS,  
ACCOUNT CLERK**

  
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**JUD MARSHALL,  
MAYOR**