

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020
7 P.M.

Mayor Eder called the special meeting to order at 7 p.m. via teleconference due to the COVID-19 crisis.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Frank Eder, Jason Laumer, Marc Wirz, Tootz Tschumperlin, Sue Unterberger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Chris Lease with the Red Goat Bar & Grill. Clerk Kramer was present at City Hall.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Governor's Executive Order 20-56 on expanding outdoor service at bars and restaurants in the city and take action as needed to assist the businesses.

Mayor Eder noted Mike Lease from the Red Goat Bar & Grill asked about the park/parking lot. Eder felt they would be allowed to continue with takeout orders and sell off-sale as permitted and they can go over to the park and eat. Bud's Bar asked about putting a tent in the back of its building. They don't plan to go out on the sidewalk in front. They would put up the canopy only, no sides.

The Red Goat would not be able to expand outdoor seating into the parking lot as that is not contiguous to their premises. By state law, any expansion must be contiguous to the licensed premises. With city approval, establishments can go onto the sidewalks. The licensees would need to show proof of liquor liability insurance for the expanded area, including sidewalks.

Council reviewed the draft ordinance to allow outdoor expanded seating. It was noted that any expanded areas must be contiguous to the current business is covered in Section 2 of the proposed ordinance. The site plan would be submitted to City Hall. City staff will not be going out to inspect the sites. Gordies Bar questioned if hours would resume as normal. Council agreed they would. Council added to the ordinance that any music must be off at 11 p.m. daily. The establishments can use whatever type of containers they want, be it glass, cans or plastic. Council also added to the ordinance that there can be no more than 4 persons to a table. If it's a family unit they can have 6. Chris Lease with the Red Goat discussed sidewalk options. Council approved adding to the ordinance that establishments can expand into the sidewalks but must designate the area somehow and cannot interfere with general public use of the sidewalks.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE #2020-1 WITH THE CHANGES, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, WIRZ, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer, Clerk

ATTEST:

Frank Eder, Mayor