

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 P.M.  
Mayor Cook called the meeting to order. Members present were Jim Haugen, Kay Peterson and Bill Arndt. Member absent was Casey Stotts. Others present were Gary Plotz, City Administrator and Marc Sebor, City Attorney.

2. DISCUSSION OF SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Mayor Cook noted that at the last Council meeting, the Council voted to permanently exclude hotels and motels from the Smoke Free Workplace Ordinance. Mayor Cook noted that he feels that perhaps a committee should be put together to provide a compromise between the hotels/motels and the other businesses that must abide by the ordinance. He suggested, instead of permanently excluding the hotels/motels, forming a committee and temporarily excluding hotels/motels until March 1, 2008, until a new document can be created. He would like to see a percentage of rooms set aside for smoking rooms instead of permanently excluding all of them.

Council Member Peterson expressed that she felt the Council voted on the ordinance permanently excluding the hotels/motels to mirror the state law. Council Member Arndt noted that he does not want the innkeepers to be at a disadvantage from other cities in the state. Council Member Haugen noted that he felt the intent of the Council was to mirror the state's law.

Mayor Cook expressed that more research has been done and he feels stagnant or "dead" air is still a threat.

Motion by Peterson, second by Arndt, to approve Ordinance No. 07-0487, permanently excluding hotels/motels from the Smoke Free Workplace Ordinance. Roll call vote was taken: Peterson – aye; Arndt – aye; Haugen – aye; Cook – nay. Motion carried 3 to 1.

3. ADJOURN

Arndt/Cook to close at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Steven W. Cook  
Mayor

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Gary D. Plotz  
City Administrator