



**Special Meeting of the Adrian City Council**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

**Adrian Government Center, Council Chambers, 209 Maine Avenue, Suite 106, Adrian, MN**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Faber called a special meeting of the Adrian City Council to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call:** City Council members present: Mayor John Faber, Ron Lonneman, Dean VonHoltum, Tracy Kunkel and Joe Hornstein.  
Staff members present: City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer – Jill Wolf and Police Chief – Shawn Langseth.  
Guests: Josh Johnson, owner of Weldon – Sports Page Bar & Grill
3. **Consideration of Accommodations to Open Bars & Restaurants:** Due to MN Executive Orders to Stay at Home during the COVID-19 Pandemic, bars and restaurants have been closed since mid-March, with the exception of carry-out orders. Under EO-64, Governor Walz has announced that bars and restaurants are able to open for outdoor patio seating, maximum of 50 patrons. Council took into consideration the following local establishments that are effected: Sports Page Bar & Grill, Big Orv's, Countryside Inn Steakhouse, Adrian Country Club and Subway. Councilmembers discussed considerations for alternatives to allow for outdoor patio seating. Council discussed allowing businesses to use City picnic tables during the EO. Wolf explained that the Council could extend existing liquor licenses to be compact and contiguous to their existing property. The alley would need to be closed to allow for a contiguous license into the City parking lot. Langseth suggested getting barriers and closing the alley from 5 PM to bar closing. Motion by Kunkel, second by Von Holtum to extend On-Sale Liquor licenses within the City of Adrian to allow for compact and contiguous premise, patio seating, due to the MN Stay Safe Order Regulations during COVID-19; as well as closing the alley on the north corner of Big Orv's to the south side of Sports Page from 5:00PM to closing until June 22, 2020; and allow local establishments to utilize City picnic tables for outdoor patio seating. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Past/Other Business:** Lonneman asked if there was any new information regarding pools opening. Wolf stated at this time, they are to remain closed, but it is sounding positive that they may be able to open soon. Council discussed that the City should move forward on preparing to open the pool regardless, and if it's not allowed we can drain it, but the goal would be to have it ready as soon as possible so it's ready to go when we get the greenlight to open from the State. Lonneman directed staff to inform the Public Works department to make opening the pool a priority.
5. **Adjournment:** Motion by Hornstein, second by VonHoltum, motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.

/s/ Jill Wolf, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

/s/ John Faber, Mayor