

**CITY OF STARBUCK
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18, 2024
12:00 P.M. – STARBUCK COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mayor: Gary Swenson
Councilors: Steve Gorder
Chris Taffe
Mary Baukol
Dane Christensen

Clerk/Treasurer: Joan Kerkvliet
Police Chief: Mitch Johnsrud

AGENDA

1. **Call the Meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Mayor Swenson. Please stand for the **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Roll Call – Swenson, Gorder, Taffe, Christensen and Baukol present.

2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Agenda
Motion by Gorder; second by Taffe to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion carried (4-0).

3. **Old Business:**
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3. **New Business:**
 - a. Review and Discuss 2025 Preliminary Budget
Mayor Swenson told the council that we would review the budget now and revisit again at the end of the meeting. Clerk /Treasurer Kerkvliet asked for guidance on whether the city will raise seasonal camping rates at Hobo Park and if the council plans to leave the \$150k in capital improvements in the parks budget. The council agreed to leaving the \$150k in the budget to enhance the city park. After discussing, the council decided to raise the seasonal camping rates in Hobo Park to \$2,640 for the 2025 season. It was noted that this was still less expensive than the other campground in the city and there are improvements, such as repaving all the roads, to be done in 2025.
Motion by Christensen; second by Taffe to approve raising the seasonal camping rates in Hobo Park to \$2,640 for the 2025 season. **Motion carried (4-0).**

b. Review and Discuss Revised Cannabis Ordinance

In discussing the cannabis ordinance, the council felt it was important to have guidelines in place before January 1, 2025. They agreed to follow the recommendations presented in the ordinance and also passed by the Planning & Zoning committee.

Motion by Christensen; second by Taffe to approve the Cannabis Ordinance as presented to the council, and also approved by Planning & Zoning, and to authorize a summary publication of the ordinance per resolution #2024-31. **Motion carried (4-0).**

c. Discuss New Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Contract

- To be discussed in a closed session.
Meeting closed at 12:22 pm for a closed session to discuss the LELS Union contract.

The special meeting reopened at 12:51pm

Motion by Taffe; second by Christensen to approve the LELS Union contract proposal for the police officers. **Motion carried (4-0).**

d. Review and Discuss the School Resource Officer (SRO) Contract Agreement
Mayor Swenson told the council that he and council member Taffe would meet with the school to further discuss the proposed contract.

Motion by Taffe; second by Gorder to amend the numbers in the original SRO Contract to reflect the salaries approved in the LELS 2025-2027 contract. **Motion carried (4-0).**

The council revisited the budget and discussed the 2025 tax levy. A motion was made to finalize the tax levy in 2025 at 8.75%.

Motion by Baukol; second by Swenson to approve the tax levy paid in 2025 at 8.75%.

Christensen: No

Baukol: Yes

Swenson: Yes

Gorder: No

Taffe: Yes

Motion carried (3-2).

A formal resolution will be passed at the December meeting.

4. **Closed Session:** Closed session to discuss LELS Contract

5. **Adjourn:** Motion by Christensen to adjourn at 1:06pm. Motion carried (4-0).

Submitted by,

Joan Kerkvliet

City Clerk/Treasurer