

A special meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 5:35 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Sommers, Councilors Sherby, Schiavo, and McCarthy.

Absent: Councilor Hagglund

Mayor Sommers recused himself for perceived conflict of interest because he has a food establishment on Superior Ave. (Sommer's deli)

Also Present: City Manager Olson, Clerk/Treasurer Peltoma and City Attorney Lawrence.

Mayor Pro-tem Sherby led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. To conduct a Public Hearing in accordance with proposed Ordinance #2.25, to provide for the regulation of the operation of mobile food vehicle vendors in the City of Crystal Falls.

Mayor pro-tem Sherby temporarily adjourned the Special meeting to conduct a Public Hearing at 5:37 pm.

Visitors: Marvin Hill spoke in support of the mobile food truck.

Mayor pro-tem Sherby clarified that the City is always welcoming any new businesses and the notion that the council is trying to stop this food truck from happening is not true. Simply the council feels that if the food trucks are operating on city properties they need to be licensed and regulated.

Brenda Campbell (owner of mobile food truck) felt that it is a good idea to set guidelines. She stated that there seems to be a need for something like this (mobile food trucks), there is nothing at the ball games, soccer games...etc. Brenda brought up some questions regarding special events (Fungus fest...etc.). Do you need to get a license if you are already licensed for in the city or do you need to get a license for catering on private property? Also, what constitutes a mobile food vehicle? (Are Schwan's or Raven's Nest going to be required to get a license?) She agrees with most of the ordinance and has everything including the garbage disposals, license, and insurance.

Mayor Pro-tem Sherby stated that the ordinance is to protect

everyone involved.

Brenda Campbell stated that she does not agree with the timing of the ordinance and the rushing to get it adopted.

Mayor Pro-tem Sherby answered that the main reason is the liability is a concern and he would like to postpone action until a later date.

Bob Gussert (owner of the Infield Bar) stated that he does not have a problem with new businesses coming into town, but has a concern with section 4 - M., the 150 feet from an existing, licensed food service establishment during the hours when such establishment is open to the public for business. Mr. Gussert would like it to be 500 feet.

Pat Sommers (owner of Sommer's Deli) voiced his concerns because he has been in business 22 years and 9 months serving food to the citizens of Crystal Falls and does not want a food trailer parked outside his business selling food while he is. There are 6 food establishments on the main street and the piece of the pie in the City is only so big. He thinks it is a great idea for soccer, ballfield and other events that are not selling food. Mr. Sommers also would like that when the Fungus Fest happens in town, and the food establishments serve food, he would like the mobile food vendors to have a distance of 500 feet. He stated that he pays taxes and utilities, and the mobile food vendors that are coming in, do not. Mr. Sommers also stated that he thinks if the Lions Club wants to invite them in, then he is not opposed. He said the biggest thing is to protect what is already here and established. He spoke that he needs to protect his own business and there is a place for a mobile food vendors where there is no other food served.

Mayor Pro-tem Sherby addressed the question about the case of Summer Fest where the food vendors are invited in, should they be licensed?

Attorney Lawrence, conveyed his caution about giving a private organization veto power on who can come in or not. The City Police should be the enforcer of the ordinance.

City Manager Olson talked to the City Manager of Marquette and he stated that they are not rushing into their mobile food truck

ordinance. City Manager Olson also informed the council that a city block is approximately 300 feet. Olson also voiced that serving a private party should be clarified in the ordinance. Ken Lamprecht spoke that the idea of food trucks within the City of Crystal Falls is a good idea. More competition is better. The more choices there are the better. More people coming into town will benefit all the businesses. Competition helps the businesses to get better.

Marvin Hill stated that 500 feet is a long distance away to have the mobile food vendors park.

City Manager Olson read letter from Councilor Jeff Hagglund who could not make the meeting. He feels that the fee should be around \$150-\$200 annually and the stipulation for a mobile food vehicle to not be parked any closer than 150 feet from another food licensed establishment during their business hours is fair. He stated that he feels he needs more time to review and to not make a quick decision that impacts so many people.

Myrna Bolo said she feels there is nothing wrong with a food truck but asked Brenda Campbell and Paul Aldegarie if they still owned Generations, how would they feel about it?

Mayor Pro-tem Sherby closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm and reconvened the Special Meeting.

Mayor Pro-tem Sherby adjourned the meeting at 6:04 pm.

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