

**CITY OF ELMORE COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JANUARY 8, 2024, 6:00 PM  
ELMORE COMMUNITY ROOM  
ELMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Mayor Vereide called the public hearing of the Elmore City Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Sue Dickson, Lorman Jahnke, and Elton Rhoda via Zoom. City employees present: Ricky Garvick Jr. Also present: Vicki Boeckman, Marlys Jagerson, Traci Hanson, Dennis Hanson, Norm Kolve, Betty Myhrom, Roger Holland, Ricky Garvick, Chuck Hunt (Faribault County Register) and Richard Poppe.

**MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE  
SECOND READING  
ORDINANCE NO. 12.11.23.1  
CITY OF ELMORE  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 25 TO ABOLISH THE  
MUNICIPAL LIQUOR DISPENSARY AND TO  
ALLOW RETAIL SALES OF LIQUOR WITHIN THE CITY**

The City Council of the City of Elmore does ordain as follows:

**SECTION I.**

The City Council has determined that it is time to abolish the Municipal Liquor Dispensary, as the City no longer believes operation thereof is in the best interests of the City.

**SECTION II.**

Ordinance No. 25 is hereby revoked and the Municipal Liquor Dispensary is hereby abolished.

**SECTION III.**

The City Council of the City of Elmore hereby authorizes 2 licenses for retail off-sale of Liquor within the City.

**SECTION IV.**

This Ordinance shall not be effective until thirty (30) days after its passage and publication.

Vereide opened the floor to public comments and concerns. It was asked how the clerk salaries will be adjusted by the closing of the Liquor Store. The mayor stated that the City Clerk's pay is 3.75% from the liquor store fund. The Deputy Clerk is paid 22.5% from the liquor store fund. The council will weigh options such as reducing full-time hours from 40 per week to 37.5 per week for each clerk. It was also suggested to move some of the City Clerk's duties to the Deputy Clerk to fill in the missing time. These duties were city ordinances, answer main phone number, general citizen concerns, faxing/copies for citizens, permit issuing and all payments for utilities, permits, etc. The council will explore options at the regular meeting scheduled 6:30 pm, after the Organizational meeting tonight.

Other questions concerned the leasing of the space. The council will get leasing guidance from the City Attorney, David Frundt and members of CEDA. ONE Realty gave an approximate lease amount of \$500-\$750/month. A committee will preview and interview the lease submissions to get insight from our outside experts prior to the Council voting. It was decided that the public restrooms will remain open during city business hours. Will the past loan of \$30,000 be paid back to the General Fund? If possible, yes, depends on sales and returns to distributors.

It was moved by Dickson and seconded by Jahnke to adopt Ordinance No. 12.11.23.1 and close the Elmore Municipal Liquor Store. By roll call vote, all voted aye. Ordinance adopted and liquor store will close.

According to Ordinance No. 12.11.23.1 the last day of sales will be 30 days after publication of closure. The last day of sales will be February 15, 2024.

As there was no further business, it was moved by Jahnke, seconded by Dickson to adjourn the meeting. All members voted aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK