

City of Valentine
Special Council Meeting
City Library Meeting Room
September 8, 2003

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Valentine, Valentine, Nebraska was held September 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Valentine City Library Meeting Room, the same notice of meeting being published in the Valentine Midland News and posted in three public locations prior to said meeting. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public. A Public Information Council Agenda packet was available at the public information table.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairperson of the Council, Balliet presided at the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Balliet, Neujahr, Nelsen, Rhoades, Nieuwenhuis. Also in attendance were City Manager New, and legal representative Coupland. City Clerk Hanzlicek recorded the minutes.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance prior to the start of the meeting.

3. 7:00 P.M. PURSUANT TO NOTICE N THE VALENTINE MIDLAND NEWS, A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE CLASS "D" LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**Big Jakes, Inc. dba Big Jakes
214 W Hwy 20
Valentine, NE 69201**

At 7:00 P.M. a public hearing was opened to receive comments regarding the request of Big Jakes, Inc. dba Big Jakes for a Class "D" liquor license at 214 W Hwy 20. City Attorney Coupland conducted the public hearing. City Manager New presented evidence on behalf of the City of Valentine. These items were received by the hearing officer and will be on file at the office of the City Clerk.

The applicant, Doug Jacobs, was in attendance. He stated that the location held a liquor license previously. It would keep the business going in the winter time. It would be a one stop place.

No comments were received in opposition to the liquor license request and the hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

4. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE REQUEST FOR A CLASS "D" LIQUOR LICENSE BY BIG JAKES, INC. DBA BIG JAKES, 214 W HWY 20, VALENTINE, NE FOR OWNER DOUG JACOBS

At the conclusion of the public hearing, Councilmember Nelsen made the motion to approve of the liquor license application for Big Jakes. Second by Councilmember Nieuwenhuis. Roll call vote: Aye- Neujahr, Nelsen, Rhoades, Nieuwenhuis. Nay-none. Abstain-Balliet. Motion carried.

5. REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

The Council received a budget packet as prepared by the City Manager. She noted that the tax request for fiscal year 2003-2004 is \$455,367.00 and the entire budget for the City of Valentine for fiscal year is proposed at \$12,197,319.06. She stated that there will be some line item changes within some of the various budgets but that the overall tax request will not change.

The Council reviewed the entire budget in open session with the City Manager. The City Manager advised the Council and the public that the budget is very tight and that the taxable valuation for the City of Valentine did not raise very much from the previous year. Health insurance costs are going up over 28% this next year. It was commented that the policy that the city has for health insurance should change because of the rising costs of health care. The employees may be responsible to pay a portion of the health insurance benefit. This was debated among the Council because over a concern of a reduction of benefits for the employees. Property insurance has also increased this year. There will also be a full staff at the police department. Just because items are in the proposed budget does not mean that the money has to be spent.

Library staff members were in attendance to review their budget with the Council. They asked a question regarding membership in the city union. They were advised to contact the union steward.

The Council discussed the dispatcher amount being requested versus the amount that the City of Valentine has included in the budget. The City of Valentine has budgeted a 10% increase in fiscal year 2003-2004 for this line item. It is the understanding of the Council that the Cherry County Commissioners are expecting more of an increase.

5. MEETING ADJOURNED

With no further business before the Council, Councilmember Nieuwenhuis made the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Neujahr. Roll call vote: Aye-Balliet, Neujahr, Nelsen, Rhoades, Nieuwenhuis. Nay-none. Motion carried.

President of Council

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Valentine, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects including the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting; kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were published in the Midland Newspaper; that said minutes were made available September 15, 2003.

John Hanzlicek
City Clerk