

City of Valentine  
Special Council Meeting  
City Library Meeting Room  
January 25, 2005

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Valentine, Valentine, NE, and the Cherry County Commissioners was held January 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Valentine City Library Meeting Room, the same notice of meeting being posted in three public locations on January 24, 2005. An agenda was available for public review .

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance at this time.

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairperson of the Council, Wescott, presided at the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Wescott, Neujahr, Nelsen, Kluender and Petersen. Also in attendance was City Manager New who also recorded the minutes in the absence of a City Clerk. Cherry County Commissioners Turner, Adamson and Ravenscroft were also in attendance. Tom Elliott recorded County Commissioner minutes.

**2. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX / INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.**

The sales tax issue was discussed at the regular meeting of January 17, 2005 and it was determined it would be best to have a joint special meeting. Mr. Adamson stated this was a topic of discussion that would be important important to both the City and County residents and therefore it was necessary to determine which entity would proceed with the sales tax issue. The County has considered initiating this project, as well as a committee called H.E.A.R.T. Several meetings have been held to discuss the results and use of a sales tax issue. One proposal is to approach a Local Option Sales Tax Issue. Another proposal would be to approach a Local Sales Tax Issue & LB840. LB840 could help to recruit new business and/or a retention of an existing business, as well as promote economic development in Valentine. Both would be positive for the city and county residents.

After much discussion, Councilman Nelson moved to initiate the sales tax proposal which would require the LB840 and the Local Option Sales Tax. Neujahr seconded the motion. Voting aye: Wescott, Neujahr, Petersen, Kluender, and Nelson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held on who could inform the committee of the proper way to initiate a sales tax Adamson stated that the County would pay ½ on an agreement to employ an individual that had been assisting other cities and counties. Nelson moved to request a representative to assist and advise the committee in proceeding with a sales tax issue with a contract not to exceed \$11,000.00 ( ½) City and ½ County) Petersen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Unanimous

Another joint meeting will be held to discuss further options and inter-local agreements.

**6. MEETING ADJOURNED**

With no further business before the Council, Councilmember Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Neujahr seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye-Wescott, Neujahr, Nelsen, Kluender, Petersen. Nay-none. Motion carried.

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President of Council

I, the undersigned, ,City Manager of the City of Valentine, acted as recording secretary, hereby certify that all 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 posted as prescribed by law in three places, that said minutes were written and made available January 27, 2005.

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Norma Jean New , for the City