

City approves golf course liquor license

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After a quick public hearing during the regular Holyoke City Council meeting Tuesday, May 1, council members approved an optional premise liquor license for the Holyoke Golf Club.

The new license would allow the golf course to sell alcohol outside at the course. Brian Akey stated at the April 17 meeting that the club is looking to host its own Calcuttas and this license would allow for that.

David Churchwell asked the only question, which was to see if there had been any recent issues at the club. Police Chief Doug Bergstrom said there had not.

Bergstrom clarified with Garrett Gordon, who was in attendance to answer questions, that there would be someone checking identification.

The passage last Tuesday doesn't mean it has passed, as it still has to be approved by the state, according to City clerk/treasurer Kathy Olofson.

City to sell lots

Holyoke City Council members unanimously approved a letter of intent from Tom Bennett to purchase four lots located near the intersection of Kunkel and Belford. With the approval, the council will have city attorney Al Wall draft a contract and ordinance.

Another letter of intent was received from John Jaeger and Jan Stoddard to purchase nine other lots in the area. The letter stated the intent to rezone the lots from Re and R2 to C1.

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Council members were concerned with the idea of rezoning the area so close to current homeowners. The council agreed to send the letter of intent to the planning commission to study it further.

Reports of city officials

Council members heard reports from city supt. Mark Brown and police chief Bergstrom at last week's meeting.

Brown noted a crew with Hayward Baker Geotechnical Construction was scheduled to be in town Tuesday-Wednesday, May 8-9 to begin working on the Mini Park enhancement project.

Brown also said he met with Mark Farnsworth and Trent Loutensock of Highline Electric Association to discuss the Highline transformer at the Holyoke substation. It needs to be upgraded to carry the load due to Seaboard Foods coming in with a new mill west of town.

Brown noted the Holyoke transformer will need to be looked at soon as it is climbing in age. Highline has agreed to up-size the transformer they are looking to purchase so they could carry the city's power during the summer should their transformer go down.

"It is basically buying us a spare to sit there," Brown said.

"It looks like a win, win to me," mayor Orville Tonsing said.

Council members agreed to move forward and look at figures.

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Brown also said he has been in contact with the county who would like to get involved in some way with the dog pound the city has been discussing.

Bergstrom said the new police car has been sent to get equipment installed, which should take a couple weeks.

Other business

In other business May 1, council members:

—approved travel request for Bergstrom to attend the chiefs conference/trade show in Breckenridge June 4-7.

—waived the local fees for the fair board's special events permits voted on at the April 17 meeting.

—approved request from Holyoke Swim Team to use the pool June 2 for the home swim meet.

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