

CITY OF BALATON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 23, 2024, at 6PM

*The order of the Minutes does not necessarily reflect the order of the meeting.*

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting was called to order at 6pm on Monday, December 23, 2024, by Lonnie Lambertus.
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**
  - **Present:** Mayor Lonnie Lambertus, Council Members: Greg Erickson, Scott Wood, Dylan Fricke, Curt Paradis, Kimberly Wall-Clerk/Treasurer, Alexus Birt-Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Bob Gilman, Tori Bertelsen, Ashley Haroldson, Jayme Chandler, Tonia Nordside and Bruce Rykhus.
- 3) **Balaton American Legion Post 237**
  - A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve temporary off-site gambling on January 04, 2025, as a backup date to December 31, 2024 for bingo. Motion carried by all present.
- 4) **Balaton Municipal Liquor Store**
  - Lonnie Lambertus informed the liquor store employees that he was unable to go into details regarding Jessica Waltz but did open the floor for employee questions. Tori informed the council that the liquor store employees have set a schedule for the next two (2) weeks and have all shifts covered including December 31, 2024 for the American Legion Post 237 bingo. Tori Bertelsen and Ashley Haroldson agreed that they will be opening however some days may be later than one pm, council agreed and understands. Greg Erickson informed all employees that anyone, including the current employees, could apply to be the liquor store manager. Tori Bertelsen requested an increase in hourly wage for those that are working in the managerial position until the new manager is hired. Tori, Ashley and Kathy Olson will be doing inventory. A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Dylan Fricke to pay nineteen dollars (\$19.00) an hour while the employee is doing managerial work and normal wage when bartending. Motion carried by all present.
- 5) **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Greg Erickson and seconded Scott Wood. Motion carried by all present. The meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

  
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Kimberly Wall / Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor