

**Legal Finance Minutes**  
**Monday, February 24, 2025 @ 5:30 P.M.**  
**511 6<sup>th</sup> Ave – City Hall – Council Chambers**

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Members present: Larry Schmaltz, Tricia Fowler, Rhonda Schild, and Pam Somervold.

Also present: Mayor Randy Schmidt, City Administrator Jason LaFayette, Finance Officer Wayne Tonsager, Public Works Director Ryan Stedillie, Cory Tolly, Dave Engler, Kari Markley, Rick Leonard, Scott Huber

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Motion Somervold, second Fowler to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Community Input – This section of the agenda permits a person to make comments regarding public business. Each speaker is allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes.
4. Motion Somervold, second Schild to recommend approval of the Black Hills Roundup Special On-Sale Liquor and Malt Beverage License to serve at the Black Hills Roundup Rodeo July 1 to July 5, 2025, at the Black Hills Roundup Rodeo Grounds. (A public hearing has been scheduled for March 3, 2025). Motion carried.
5. Motion Somervold, second Schild to recommend approval of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce On-Sale Liquor License to serve at the Casino Night event on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Community Hall. (A public hearing has been scheduled for March 3, 2025). Motion carried.
6. Motion Fowler, second Somervold to recommend approval for Gina Carpenter, Lynda March, and Wayne Tonsager to attend SDML HR and FO School in Pierre, SD, June 10-13, 2025. Associated costs include a \$125.00 registration fee for each attendee, hotel \$1,035.00, and meals \$186.00. Motion carried.
7. Discussion with possible action on Mountain Man Metal Art contract for City park signs contract. Scott Huber from EZ Fab requested an opportunity to quote on the park sign project. City Administrator LaFayette stated that he would provide the project specifications and accept a quote. Cory Tolly raised concerns about the fairness of the process if his quote had already been disclosed. Councilperson Schmaltz requested a discussion on the quotes before presenting them to the full council.  

Motion Somervold, second Fowler to recommend approval of contract with Mountain Man Metal Art contract for City park signs contract. Roll call: Fowler; aye, Somervold; aye, Schild; nay, Schmaltz; aye. Motion carried.
8. Discussion on 3% Liquor Charge.  
Three local bar owners expressed concerns about the 3% liquor tax imposed in 2024. Rhonda Schild requested on behalf of the bar owners that an amendment be made to the Ordinance to exclude liquor license owners from the City's 3% tax. No action was taken.
9. Informational.
  - A. Sales Tax – Councilperson Schmaltz noted the tax was lower than 2024, but higher than all other previous years
  - B. Who Let the Dogz Out Quarterly Report – Councilperson Schmaltz commented on the numbers being similar to previous quarters.
  - C. Finance Officer Tonsager stated he had signed the 2024 Engagement Letter with Casey Peterson to start the 2024 Audit the week of March 24<sup>th</sup>.
10. Motion Schild, second Somervold to adjourn at 5:59 P.M. Motion carried.