



## City Commission Fact Finding Subcommittee Minutes

1/9/2024 - Minutes

### Call to Order

Commissioner Cleary called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM on January 9, 2024. Members present included Commissioner Cleary, Commissioner Connelly, and Gordy Smith. Also present were Jason Tomanek and Leanne Schmidt with the City of Bismarck and Attorney Amy Oster with Crowley Fleck.

1. Determine performance issues of Charlie Jeske, Event Center Director, and recommendations regarding the appropriate actions to take to address any necessary employee discipline and changes to Event Center operations.

Commissioner Cleary provided an overview of the current alcohol vendor contract. The committee discussed potential modification to the current contract that will require a point of sale system or cash registers to be implemented for alcohol sales by the contracted alcohol vendor.

Gordy Smith provided an update relating to his conversations with staff and will move forward by talking with successful and unsuccessful vendors that had submitted proposals to the Event Center in the past.

Commissioner Connelly suggested the possibility of recommending a third party management and marketing company to handle business on behalf of the Event Center in the future.

The committee discussed revenue and expenses at the Event Center and noted concerns with a shortfall of operating expenses being subsidized through sales tax collections.

### Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

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