

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2014  
555 SO. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Directors' Meeting minutes of October 20, 2014.
2. Organizational Meeting minutes of October 20, 2014.

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1. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery
2. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers
3. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Camp
4. Lancaster County Correctional Facility JPA - Emery

**III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Community Justice Center - James Jones, Executive Director

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**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Present:** Trent Fellers, Vice Chair; Jonathan Cook; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Carl Eskridge; Jon Camp; and Roy Christensen

**Absent:** Doug Emery, Chair

**Others:** Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff to Mayor Beutler

Vice Chair Fellers opened the meeting at 2:06 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**I. MINUTES**

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With no corrections the above minutes placed on file in the City Council office.

**II. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCE REPORTS**

**1. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery**

Councilman Emery absent.

**2. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers**

Eskridge stated at the meeting last week members received a report on liquor numbers. The trend continues with the number of admissions being lower but a concern with the people entering being more severely intoxicated. Also for a long time tracking where last drinks are obtained. Based on people being admitted to the Bridge a significant percentage say their last drink came from a private party, or a home. The bars seem to be doing the job with their training but do see some gaps which need investigating.

Fellers commented they discussed SDL's. Christensen noted there's a large increase in applications for SDL's, and regular liquor licenses. A 15% increase in total applications and the process is putting a strain on City personnel as well as at the State. Do know from speaking to Mr. Rupe the length of time for the liquor application process has dramatically increased because of the workload at every level of government. Now the average time for processing an application is 77 days.

Cook asked why are we seeing this increase? Are people receiving different kinds of liquor licenses? Christensen thinks it has to do with an improving economy and more activity taking place. Other factors include more groups wanting to offer alcohol at fund raisers. Fellers added also the industry change. The brewery industry has greatly expanded in the last 5 years with a lot of breweries being self promoting. They have their own bars and do more outdoor parties. In looking at our agendas we had the Zipline and Blue Blood personnel here almost every week throughout the entire summer getting SDL's to promote their breweries. Part of the increase is expanding market options.

Eskridge stated they had the opportunity to participate in a webinar with LPD and the University on what the city of Victoria, British Columbia is doing. Very interesting as there are parallels between Victoria and Lincoln with their downtown area having numerous bars and how they

address some concerns, which are some of the concerns we have. May see some change result from participating.

**3. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Camp**

Camp stated last week attended a special meeting, and will have a scheduled regular meeting this week. We focused on the matter of the DEC counsel. We had bond counsel, which was a combination of bond and general counsel. We have now switched and will have one firm for bond counsel and one for general counsel.

**4. Lancaster County Correctional Facility JPA - Emery**

Councilman Emery absent.

**III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR**

Hoppe stated each Council Member will be contacted to discuss the Pinnacle suite at the Pinnacle Bank Arena and the process in place, to share with the community if not claimed. Recently the arena has hosted numerous family shows, such as Disney on Ice, the Harlem Globe Trotters, etc. where the suite isn't necessarily claimed, as the arena doesn't fill up quite as much. We've asked what to do with the suite in these situations? We've talked to CLC's, and other non-profits who help low income children to see if perhaps we could arrange to have children in the suite. Part of the promise made to the community during the arena debate was that the arena would be available to a broad constituency. Want to discuss if there are specific groups which Council would recommend to attend a show while in the suite? May provide an opportunity for some children which they might not otherwise receive.

Camp inquired if data available on the arena so far? What has been collected? Hoppe replied he would gather the information and send an email shortly.

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**1. Community Justice Center - James Jones, Executive Director**

Mr. Jones unable to attend.

**V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

No comments

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**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Fellers adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.