



WILLMAR

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

To: Mayor and City Council	Date: July 3, 2017
From: Judy R. Thompson City Clerk	Subject: Off-Sale Liquor License Establishments Survey on Sunday Liquor Sales

AGENDA ITEM: Off-Sale Liquor License Establishments Survey on Sunday Liquor Sales

INTRODUCTION/REQUEST: Survey of effected establishments is attached.

HISTORY: State Legislators passed a new law giving cities the authority to prohibit Sunday Off-Sale liquor sales, if they chose to.

Council directed staff to conduct a survey of all City Off-Sale Liquor License establishments

CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCE: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Take no action and allow establishments to make their own decision as to if they will be open or not on Sundays.

2) Authorize City Attorney Robert Scott to amend the liquor ordinance prohibiting Sunday sales as allowed by legislature.

ISSUES: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

ALTERNATIVE: N/A

RECOMMENDED MOTION: N/A

REVIEWED BY: Judy R. Thompson, City Clerk

WORK SESSION DATE: July 3, 2017

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: __ CONSENT AGENDA __ AGENDA

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The City Council is questioning all Off-Sale Liquor License holders in the City of Willmar with concerns to the change in State Legislature Sunday Liquor Laws, to allow sales on Sundays from 11-6p.m. beginning July 1, 2017. The Amended law gives the City of Willmar the authority to create a Municipal Code Amendment to prohibit Sunday sales if they chose to.

City of Willmar Off-Sale Liquor License holders:

Cash Wise Liquor, Scott Kannenberg, Manager—Will be open on Sundays from 11-6 p.m.

Cub Foods, Michael Howland, Manager—Will be open on Sundays from 11-6 p.m.

Sunray Spirits, Doug Sorenson, owner—Mr. Sorenson will open on Sundays to stay competitive with other businesses. However, Mr. Sorenson would be willing to see the City Ordinances changed to “No sales on Sundays”.

Wal-Mart SuperCenter, Amanda Brown, Corporate— Will be open on Sundays from 11-6 p.m.

West Side Liquors, Steven Wright, owner—Mr. Wright will be closed on Sundays. Mr. Wright states the extra costs per year would not be worth the extra day. Also, states that when you add Sunday sales it will only take away from the Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday sales. Mr. Wright would be willing to see the City Ordinances changed to “No Sales on Sundays”.

Convention and Visitors Bureau, Beth Fischer—The Convention and Visitors Bureau would like the City to not regulate by Ordinance and allow each business the flexibility to make that decision on their own.

See Recommendation on City Council Action Report.