

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2022**

Mayor Jud Marshall called the work session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Council members Richard Brainerd, Lilly Melander, Luke Schlegel and Jane Schneeweis were in attendance. City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Attorney Bridget Nason, Washington County Sheriff Dan Starry, Washington County Commander Sara Halverson, Washington County Sergeant Keith Anderson, Willernie Mayor Barb Parent, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**DISCUSS ORDINANCE LICENSING MASSAGE THERAPY ESTABLISHMENTS.**

City Administrator Scott Neilson said City Attorney Bridget Nason is here to discuss a draft ordinance to license massage therapy establishments. He said the City of Mahtomedi has been waiting for the State of Minnesota to pass legislation regarding this issue, but the State continues to push this issue on to local governments year after year.

City Attorney Nason said the City of Mahtomedi licenses a small number of businesses, they do not currently license massage therapists or massage businesses. She said North St. Paul, Oakdale, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Lake license massage businesses. She said provisions in typical ordinances require a massage business license, individual massage therapist licenses, premise inspections, posting of licenses and fees and a process for suspending or revoking licenses due to the failure to comply with the licensing requirements or an unlawful act. She said staff is looking for direction from the City Council whether to move forward at this time.

Washington County Sheriff Starry said having an ordinance will strengthen their ability to stop traffickers and enforce the law.

City Council member Brainerd asked if the Sheriff's office would conduct the background investigation requirements.

Washington County Sheriff Starry said they would prefer to complete the background investigations. He said there is a fee involved and it can take up to a month for it to be completed.

Washington County Sergeant Keith Anderson said the County will verify the credentials of the education to make sure the certificate is legitimate.

City Administrator Neilson said we would have to amend the fee schedule to add the background investigation fee along with massage business and therapist licenses.

City Attorney Nason said the direction she is hearing from the Council is to tweak the draft ordinance and to bring the revised ordinance for a vote at a City Council meeting, amend the fee schedule and prepare business and therapist license applications. She asked what effective date the Council would like to meet for the existing massage businesses. She suggests three months to allow the current massage businesses time to gather all the required documents to be licensed.

City Council member Brainerd recommended the County look at our documents before we go ahead.

Willernie Mayor Barb Parent said Willernie will duplicate our ordinance.

City Council member Brainerd thanked the Sheriff's Office staff for their time attending this meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

City Council member Schlegel moved and City Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to adjourn the work session at 6:56 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:



JERENE ROGERS,  
ACCOUNT CLERK



JUD MARSHALL,  
MAYOR