

On February 26, 2024, a Special Meeting of the Minot City Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Burlingame, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross

Members Absent:

Evans, Jantzer, Olson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ross presiding and led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: CITY OF MINOT VS CYPRESS DEVELOPMENT, LLC – ATTORNEY CONSULTATION**

Mayor Ross stated the next item on the agenda is an executive session for attorney consultation regarding the PFAS Multidistrict Proceeding (MDL). The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.1.

The topic or purpose of the executive session is to allow time for the City Council to seek and receive their attorney's advice and guidance on the legal risks, strengths, and weaknesses of an action of a public entity, which, if held in public, would have an adverse fiscal effect on the entity. At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss agenda item number 3 in executive session.

Whereupon, Alderman Pitner motioned the City Council move into an executive session. Motion seconded by Alderman Burlingame, and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Burlingame, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross; nays: none.

The executive session will be recorded and all members of the Council are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the Council will occur after it reconvenes in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive session. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instructions to our attorney or negotiators.

At this time the Council will relocate to the City Council conference room adjoining Council Chambers. During the executive session, members of the public attending the meeting are welcome remain in Council Chambers. We anticipate adjourning the executive session, and returning to the dais to reconvene the open portion of this meeting, at approximately 12:20 pm.

The executive session began at 12:04 pm and was attended by the three members of the City Council, as well as the Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, Assistant City Manager, City Manager, Finance Director, Assistant City Attorney, Fire Chief, Utilities Director, and the Communication and Engagement Manager.

At 12:30 pm, Alderman Pitner moved the City Council adjourn the executive session and return to the regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Burlingame, and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Burlingame, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross; nays: none.

**POTENTIAL ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Pitner stated the City Council is choosing to stay the current course of action, which is to stay opted out of the PFAS Multidistrict Litigation Proceeding (MDL), due to no current evidence and facts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Alderman Pitner moved the City Council meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Alderman Burlingame and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Mikayla McWilliams, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Thomas Ross, Mayor