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Press Release

Commission approves cereal malt beverage license for business

Andy's Place, 1419 N. Eighth St., opened early this year in Redwood Village

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (October 7, 2015) — The City Commission of Arkansas City voted 3-0 on Tuesday night to approve a cereal malt beverage license for a local restaurant that opened earlier this year during the commission's regular meeting at City Hall, 118 W. Central Ave.

Mark Lloyd, the owner of Andy's Place, located at 1419 N. Eighth St., applied for the license to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises. All procedures were followed as outlined in municipal code. The new diner-style restaurant opened in April in the Redwood Village plaza.

Mayor Chad Giles was absent as he continues to recover from surgery. Commissioner Jay Warren was out of town on business. Vice Mayor Duane Oestmann presided over the meeting.

In other business, the commission:

- heard from Jill Sullivan regarding the playground equipment that was removed recently from Catalpa Park at 11th Street and Catalpa Avenue, as well as overgrown weeds in the park. City Manager Nick Hernandez said the equipment had been scheduled to be removed for years due to safety concerns. The park has been discussed as a possible candidate for closure, but Hernandez said all of the City's parks will be discussed at a future study session in November.
- heard from Ken Harader regarding the traffic flow on North First Street and Family Dollar's request for a sign variance at its new location at 1313 N. Summit St. Harader asked that the City Commission consider making First Street a one-way street, northbound, to alleviate traffic concerns due to parking on both sides of the narrow street. Hernandez said he would discuss it with the Public Works Department. Harader also asked that one or two city commissioners attend Monday's meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals, which will consider the variance.

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- voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items: approval of the Sept. 11 special meeting minutes and Sept. 15 regular meeting minutes; a resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the Cowley County Drug Task Force Agreement, allowing the City to manage the joint funds; and a resolution scheduling a City Commission study session at noon Oct. 16 in the city manager's office at City Hall.
- heard updates from Hernandez regarding National Night Out block parties that would be held later that night; remaining City board vacancies, especially on the Arkansas City Public Library Board of Trustees; a check presentation planned for the next day at the Northwest Community Center; and a legislative forum and luncheon that will begin at 11 a.m. Friday at the Senior Citizens Center, 320 South A St. RSVPs for that event are recommended, but not required.
- heard from Commissioner Brandon Every regarding the progress of construction on the new clearwell storage tank and the status of municipal code updates online.