

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Agenda
City Hall – Council Chambers & Zoom
September 10, 2024 5:30 – 6:50 PM

5:30-5:45 Chamber Report

This time is provided for a Chamber of Commerce representative to provide an update to the City Council on items of interest to the Chamber and City.

There are no items included under **TAB B**.

5:45-6:00 Golf Club Lease Update

This time is for staff to update the City Council on the progress of the Golf Club lease as it is being negotiated.

There are no items included under **TAB C**.

6:00-6:15 BearWise® Discussion

This time has been allotted to provide the City Council with updates and additional information regarding potential options that the City Council may consider pursuing in the ongoing efforts to become a more BearWise® community.

The following items are included under **TAB D**.

- Action Plan for Communities in Bear Country
- Sample Ordinances from other BearWise® Communities
- Outreach Correspondence
- Earned Media
- Educational Materials and/or Resources
- Next Steps

6:15-6:25 Council Rules Review/Discussion

The Council has requested that staff investigate changing how abstentions are done in the Council rules. After much research and consulting with our City Attorney, staff have come up with draft language for the Council to review. Staff is also including in the draft a specific amount of time (3 minutes) for public comment in the Council Rules due to the rise in hate speech during public comment throughout the state. This will provide staff with a place to cut off such public comment as we need to have this in policy in order to act so as to not violate the commenters' first amendment rights. This will be adhered to for all public comments made from this point forward as well.

The following items are included under **TAB E**.

- Resolution 01-2024 – Council Rules (Redlined)

6:25-6:50 Noise Ordinance Discussion

The Council has expressed interest in code changes to address construction noise, due to recent citizen complaints. In review of the LMC, noise codes are included in three different locations in the City Code, two of which are located in LMC Title 9, which is the criminal code and not an appropriate location. In working with the City Attorney, it is recommended that we repeal LMC 9.33 and 9.34 and replace those chapters with a combined decibel and public nuisance code in Title 8, with the rest of the nuisance codes. We are looking at the City of Stanwood's Code as a reference. Staff is seeking guidance from the Council as to how they would like to move forward.

The following items are included under **TAB F**.

- City of Stanwood Code Chapter 7.30
- Current City Codes, Chapters 8.08, 9.33 and 9.34