

**CITY OF ANTIGO**  
**HOTEL MOTEL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**  
**AUGUST 28, 2019**

Hotel Motel Commission of the City of Antigo met in Regular Meeting on the above date at 8:30 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room, City Hall, Ward 4 Tom Bauknecht presiding.

| Attendee Name   | Title  | Status  | Arrived |
|-----------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Tom Bauknecht   | Ward 4 | Present |         |
| Deena Grabowsky | Member | Present |         |
| David West      | Member | Present |         |
| Tom Quinlan     | Member | Present |         |
| Angie Close     | Member | Present |         |

Others in attendance: Brandon Kieper, Antigo Daily Journal; Mayor Bill Brandt; Drew Lundt and Barb Klasinski, Antigo/Langlade County Chamber of Commerce; and Jaime Horswill, Lead Office Assistant.

**Discussion and Action May Occur on Any of the Following Agenda Items:**

1. Update on Future of Hotel Motel Room Tax

Mayor Brandt advised that the City has received Notice of Intent to File a Lawsuit by the Antigo/Langlade County Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) regarding the operations of the Hotel/Motel Room Tax Commission. The City has met with it's attorney and the attorney for the Chamber.

Mayor Brandt noted that Mr. Lundt of the Chamber was hoping for a quick resolution, however, the City was only recently supplied with the Chamber's budget. The City does have a meeting with it's attorney on Friday.

Mayor Brandt further advised that the money has been frozen until this matter has been resolved. Therefore, if any requests come in, they cannot be acted on at this time.

Mayor Brandt wanted the Commission to be aware of the situation and when there are more details available, he will meet with the Commission again.

Mayor Brandt advised that the tourism entity needs to spend at least 51% of it's budget on tourism. The Chamber just recently submitted it's budget and it will be reviewed by the City's attorney. Further, the money that the Commission has designated for the Welcome Center will not be disbursed until the City Attorney gives his opinion.

Mayor Brandt noted that yesterday the Chamber sent out a mailing regarding the Welcome Center to their members. He is hoping the members of the Commission do not receive negative feedback regarding this.

Mayor Brandt noted that he is unsure exactly who the Chamber is going to sue, but the members of the Commission will be covered by the City.

Upon inquiry by Alderperson Bauknecht, Mayor Brandt noted that it would be Council's decision to disband the Commission.

Mayor Brandt thanked the Commission for their time and thanked them for being members of the Commission and hopes this does not leave a sour taste in their mouths due to representing the City at this capacity.

Drew Lundt, Chamber, noted that the statute states that 70% of the room tax money needs to be given to one entity regardless of how this pans out the Commission would still have 30%.

Mayor Brandt advised that currently the Commission oversees the 70% collected and has no control over the 30% the City retains.

Upon inquiry by Tom Quinlan, Mayor Brandt advised that the Chamber would like to retain control over the 70% collected. If someone had a request, it would be up to the Chamber Director to accept or deny the request. If the Commission did not agree, there would not be any recourse.

#### INFORMATION ONLY

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>PLACED ON FILE-NO VOTE</b> |
|----------------|-------------------------------|

#### **Any Other Matters Authorized by Law to be Considered**

None

#### **Adjournment**

1. **Motion to:** Adjourn at 8:37 am

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Bauknecht, Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date