

JAMESTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 8, 2006  
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Kourajian at 4:00 P.M.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Mayor Kourajian, Council Members Schulz, Heinrich, Grabinger and Phillips, City Attorney Dalsted and City Administrator Fuchs.

The City Council met in special session in the Council Chambers at City Hall for the purpose of conducting a hearing on whether the City Taxicab License for Brian Hanson d/b/a Buffalo City Cab should be revoked and terminated. The hearing was the result of Brian Hanson being charged by the State of North Dakota, County of Stutsman, under NDCC 12.1-06-04(1), Criminal Conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance, methamphetamine, a class A felony. The purpose of the hearing was to determine whether Mr. Hanson did knowingly use a licensed taxicab in the furtherance of the sale of a controlled substance in the city of Jamestown.

Larry Kropp, representing Brian Hanson, appeared and requested the Council grant a continuance pending action on an application for a taxicab license submitted to the City by a prospective purchaser for Buffalo City Cab.

Discussion was held relative to the merits of granting a continuance; however, the consensus of the Council was to continue with the scheduled hearing.

Council Member Phillips inquired as to whether her employment with the District Court would be construed as a conflict of interest in the proceedings.

Council Member Grabinger moved to allow Council Member Phillips to continue as part of the proceedings and to vote on any action taken. Seconded by Council Member Heinrich. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

City Attorney Dalsted called Corporal Scott Edinger and Nicholas Henke to appear before the Council to provide testimony as to the allegations against Brian Hanson. Larry Kropp was also provided with the opportunity to question the officers and to call his own witnesses if he desired.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the following action was taken by the City Council:

Council Member Heinrich moved a Resolution that Brian Hanson did knowingly use a licensed taxicab in furtherance of the sale of a controlled substance in the city of Jamestown. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. Roll Call No. 1 showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

Council Member Schulz moved a Resolution that the use of a licensed city taxicab is an inappropriate use of a licensed taxicab by the license holder. Seconded by Council Member Grabinger. Roll Call No. 2 showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

Council Member Phillips moved a Resolution that the habits and character of Brian Hanson are contrary to the City requirements and qualifications for a license under Section 26 of the Code of the City of Jamestown. Seconded by Council Member Heinrich. Roll Call No. 3 showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

Council Member Grabinger moved a Resolution to terminate and revoke the taxicab license of Brian Hanson d/b/a Buffalo City Cab effective immediately, pursuant to Section 26-9 of the Code of the City of Jamestown. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. Roll Call No. 4 showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

Council Member Grabinger moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Heinrich. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

ATTEST:  
JEFF FUCHS, City Administrator

APPROVED:  
CHARLIE KOURAJIAN, Mayor