

Watertown City Council

January 13, 2026

Agenda Item:	Charitable Gambling Event Approval
Request for Action:	Recommendation to Approve Charitable Bingo Event for Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation
Department:	Michael Sommerfeld, Administrative Services Director

Background:

The City has received an LG240B Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo from the Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation. Nonprofit organizations are able to hold charitable gambling events (e.g. Bingo, raffles, silent auctions, other fund-raising events) with the authorization of the local government unit. The Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation meets the necessary criteria for holding such an event.

They are requesting authorization from the City to submit their permit application to the State for approval. The City has provided this authorization in the past to various community organizations including the Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation. The Foundation is planning to hold Bingo at Luce Line Lodge on February 22, 2026 and July 26, 2026.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this charitable gambling, bingo event request.