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Good morning, Mayor Mars and Clerk Hensen

My name is Ross Butterfield, I am the Deputy Chief with Northstar Search & Rescue. I was asked to provide the city with a short synopsis of who Northstar Search and Rescue is. Well, we provide nationally certified K9's and search & rescue personnel to assist law enforcement agencies with locating missing people across Minnesota and the five-state area. Our non-profit 501c3 charitable organization, was founded in 1989 and is based in Golden Valley, Minnesota. And, our members come from all walks of life, but primarily are from law enforcement, Fire, EMS and the Military.

Northstar Search and Rescue is highly respected and is one of the most used search and rescue teams in the five-state area, averaging about a call per week for our services. This past week alone, we responded to four calls in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Being the only search and rescue team in the five-state area that is licensed by the state of Minnesota as a Medical Response Unit (license 8636), we are also capable of assisting in medical emergencies.

One of our newest partnerships is with the Three Rivers Park Police we will train and respond with them to missing person calls across their 26 parks and park reserves. One of these parks called the Landing is located in your city. We also could potentially respond to your city in the event of a missing person if requested by the Shakopee Police, the Sheriff's Office, the BCA or the FBI.

We do not charge for our services, and it means we are a resource that's 100% FREE to use by law enforcement agencies. Our team is funded by charitable donations and charitable gambling, which is the reason for our contact today.

We were contacted by one of your local businesses to provide charitable gambling at their bar in Shakopee. The Bar is the Muddy Cow located at 1244 Canterbury Road near the horse race track. Northstar SAR would like to come before the city council and introduce ourselves. Also, we are seeking city approval at the next city council meeting on 5/15/2018 to conduct charitable gambling at this establishment. We would appreciate it if you could send us any city forms that we would need to fill out. We already have a state gambling license and this year have donated \$7,500 dollars to several Police Explorer and a crime prevention funds in the area.

The Muddy Cow has signed all of the state contract paperwork with us and our next step is city approval.

Please feel free to check out our website at; www.northstarsar.com

Thank you for your time and attention.

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