



ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE

Beloit City Hall - The Forum

100 State Street, Beloit, WI

August 13, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Ralph Berkley, Malissa Cronin, John Metter, Ron Tilley, Joseph Vickerman

Absent: Tina Goecks, Councilor Kevin Leavy (non-voting) (1 Vacancy)

Advisory: Captain Dan Risse, Deputy City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Ralph Berkley with a quorum present.
2. Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 2013. Motion to approve by Mr. Vickerman, second by Mr. Metter. Motion carried.
3. Chairman Berkley announced nominations for Chairman through June 30, 2014 were in order. Mr. Metter nominated Ralph Berkley as Chairman and no other nominations were made. Nominations were declared closed and Ralph Berkley was declared Chairman.

Chairman Berkley opened nominations for Vice Chairman through June 30, 2014. Mr. Vickerman nominated John Metter and no other nominations were made. Nominations were declared closed and John Metter was declared Vice Chairman.

4. Consideration of a new Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine License for Jesus Garcia, d/b/a Restaurant La Fuente, 946 Wisconsin Avenue. Restaurant owner, Jesus Garcia, and Roger Blohm, property owner, appeared.

Captain Risse stated a background check was conducted and the Police Department had no objection to the alcohol license being issued to Jesus Garcia.

Attorney Krueger asked Mr. Garcia if this was the first time he had ever held an alcohol license and Mr. Garcia replied that it was. Attorney Krueger asked Mr. Garcia if he understood that he would be accountable for all alcohol violations that may occur on the premises whether he is present or not. Mr. Garcia replied he understood.

Mr. Tilley asked Mr. Garcia what his business hours would be. Mr. Garcia responded that he would be open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to Midnight.

Mr. Tilley moved to recommend approval to the City Council of this alcohol license, second by Mr. Metter. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Consideration of a Change of Agent for Wal-Mart #2532 from Scott Greschner to Michael A. Lane, Jr., located at 2785 Milwaukee Road. Proposed Agent, Michael Lane, Jr. appeared.

Captain Risse stated he checked municipal and state criminal records and to the best of his knowledge with the available information, the character, record, and reputation of the Agent are satisfactory and the Police Department has no objection to appointment of Michael Lane, Jr.

Attorney Krueger asked Mr. Lane if he understood that he would be accountable for all alcohol violations that may occur on the premises whether he was there or not, and Mr. Lane responded that he understood. Mr. Lane explained that he has an apartment in Beloit besides his permanent residence in Neenah, WI, and that he is working at Wal-Mart Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and sometimes later, plus at least one Saturday per month.

Mr. Metter moved to recommend approval of this Change of Agent to the Beloit City Council, second by Mr. Vickerman. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Citizen Comments: None
7. Committee Comments: Chairman Berkley asked for an update on the committee's recommendation for suspension of the license of Adiktion. Attorney Krueger responded that she is still gathering information and making certain that witnesses will be available for the hearing and she would have information on the hearing by the next ABLCC meeting. Mr. Metter asked Captain Risse regarding the lack of cooperation he is having getting surveillance video of incidents at various businesses. Captain Risse stated they often have to wait 18 to 24 hours after an incident to get the video as the night employees do not have access to the equipment. Attorney Krueger suggested keeping a record of the incidences of non-cooperation and bringing the record to this committee to call in those businesses to encourage better cooperation.
8. Police Department Comments: Captain Risse referenced the police report entitled Project Report regarding the activity at the Municipal Parking Lot at 650 Third Street conducted by Officers Allton and Arnold. Captain Risse reported that there are more frequent incidents occurring at the End Zone and that there is a lack of cooperation with the Police Department. Captain Risse stated the police are obtaining less information than they would get 1-2 years ago and that the establishments lack of video surveillance and tavern security. Attorney Krueger stated that since the End Zone has been called before this committee several times in the last year, she suggests meeting with Captain Risse to go over all the information he has on the End Zone incidents and bringing a recommendation back to this committee for possible sanctions. The committee agreed with this suggestion.
9. Attorney Comments: None
10. At 4:17 p.m. Mr. Metter moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Tilley. Motion Carried.

Judith A. Elson
Deputy City Clerk