



ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE

Beloit City Hall –The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI
April 11, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson John Metter, Ron Tilley, Tara Tinder, Councilor Regina Dunkin
Absent: Betty Barnett, Dennis Baskin, Malissa Cronin, and Jerome Jennings
Advisory: Captain Dan Risse, Attorney Elizabeth Krueger

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairperson Metter. Councilor Dunkin was made a voting member of the committee to establish a quorum.
2. Tinder and Dunkin made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2017. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Consideration of a Change of Agent on the Class “A” Beer License for Speedway #4293, 2781 Milwaukee Road to Sheryl L. Latronico for the license period ending June 30, 2017.

Captain Risse stated municipal and state records were checked and the Police Department has no objection to the appointment of this Agent.

Attorney Krueger asked Ms. Latronico to reaffirm her understanding that she can be personally held responsible for any violations that occur on the property, even if she is not physically present on the premises. Ms. Latronico reaffirmed that she understood this responsibility. Tilley and Tinder moved to recommend approval to the City Council of this application. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Consideration of a Class “B” Beer License for Los Corrales Restaurant, LLC, 946 Wisconsin Avenue, Karla P. Robledo Mendoza, Agent for license period ending June 30, 2017.

Ms. Robledo Mendoza appeared with an interpreter (Tanya Sanchez) who assisted with the answers given to the committee. Captain Risse stated municipal and state records were checked and the Police Department has no objection to the appointment of this Agent.

Attorney Krueger asked Ms. Robledo Mendoza to reaffirm her understanding that she can be personally held responsible for any violations that occur on the property, even if she is not physically present on the premises. Ms. Robledo Mendoza reaffirmed that she understood this responsibility. Tilley and Tinder moved to recommend approval to the City Council of this application. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Consideration of an Application for Operator’s License for Whitney Walraven.

Captain Risse reported that Ms. Walraven applied for an Alcohol Beverage Operator’s License with the City Clerk on 2/21/2017. The application was processed and sent to the Beloit Police Department for review and recommendation. Captain Risse returned her application on March

2, 2017 with a memo denying her application because two or more OWI's have traditionally resulted in denial. A letter stating his reasons was mailed to Ms. Walraven on March 2, 2017. On Friday, March 10, 2017, Ms. Walraven made contact via email with Captain Risse appealing the application and provided a driving abstract and other facts she felt pertinent to his reconsideration. He responded to her appeal upholding his denial. Ms. Walraven was instructed to appeal to the City Clerk within 30 days of the denial letter, which she did via a letter dated March 24 and received March 31.

Ms. Walraven addressed the Committee stating that she has provided information maintaining her innocence in the 2015 OWI and stated she was experiencing a side effect from an illness. She provided a driving abstract for the 2003 OWI. She stated that she doesn't feel these offenses occurring 14 years apart should be considered habitual and listed her connection and roles in this community as an example of being an upstanding citizen. She also brought forward her employer from The Tavern and another character witness if the committee wished to hear from them.

Tara Tinder explained that while she respects the process and policy the City is adhering to, she does feel this person is of good character and is torn on wanting to support Ms. Walraven's ability to remain employed. Attorney Krueger explained that Ms. Walraven could continue to work at her employer, she just wouldn't be allowed to work without a licensed operator supervising her work. Tilley and Metter made a motion to uphold the recommendation of Captain Risse and deny the application. A roll call vote failed 2-2 with Tilley and Metter voting in favor and Tinder and Dunkin voting no. No other motions were made. This item will refer to the City Council on April 17th with no recommendation from this committee.

6. Citizen Comments: None
7. Committee Comments.
8. Police Department Comments: Captain Risse presented his monthly report of service calls.
9. City Attorney Comments: None
10. Tinder and Tilley made a motion to adjourn at 4:27 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Lorena Rae Stottler, City Clerk