



ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE

Beloit City Hall –The Forum

100 State Street, Beloit, WI

January 12, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Betty Barnett, Dennis Baskin, Ralph Berkley, Malissa Cronin, Joseph Vickerman,
Councilor Ana Kelly

Absent: John Metter, Ron Tilley

Advisory: Captain Dan Risse, Attorney Elizabeth Krueger

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Berkley with a quorum present.
2. Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2015. Mr. Vickerman made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Dr. Baskin, Motion carried.
3. Consideration of the sale to an underage operative on November 4, 2015 during a Police Department compliance check at CVS Pharmacy, 2149 Prairie Avenue. Attorney Larry L. Cohen, 180 N. LaSalle, Chicago, attorney for CVS, and Agent Debra Gajdosik, appeared.

Captain Risse explained that on November 4th an alcohol compliance check was conducted and the clerk at this store asked for the underage operative's birthdate, and after the correct date was given, she continued with the sale. Captain Risse asked if the register would stop the sale if the customer was underage and Ms. Gajdosik stated it would, however, her clerk stated she was given a different date. Captain Risse explained that the operatives are trained to always give their true age and cannot lie. Ms. Gajdosik explained that all employees were given a copy of CVS policy to read and it was signed and put in their personnel file. Attorney Cohen explained that CVS has a zero tolerance policy and the clerk no longer works for them and this store will now ask for identification from all customers purchasing alcohol.

Attorney Krueger explained the Wisconsin law regarding underage sales and the repercussions if there is a second sale within twelve months at this store.

4. Consideration of the sale to an underage operative on November 4, 2015 during a Police Department compliance check at CVS Pharmacy 1063 Fourth Street. Attorney Larry L. Cohen, 180 N. LaSalle, Chicago, attorney for CVS, and Agent Nancy Klatt, appeared.

Captain Risse stated the clerk of this store failed to ask for any identification or verification as to age before selling the alcohol to the underage operative. Ms. Klatt said the clerk is no longer employed at the store and now all customers purchasing alcohol must show identification. Ms. Klatt also stated that employees are trained every six months and must sign forms that they were trained.

Attorney Krueger reminded Ms. Klatt and Attorney Cohen that if there is a second violation within twelve months it would likely result in sanctions against the business.

Captain Risse stated that Chief Zibolski wants a letter sent to the companies and their Agents asking them to explain in writing the changes they will make so that underage sales will not happen again.

5. City Clerk, Lori Stottler, gave a status report on the Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License of The Cheese People of Beloit, LLC, 431 East Grand Avenue, Andrea Levine, Agent.

Ms. Stottler explained that owner, Darren Larsen, posted on their Facebook page that the business would close on September 11, 2015. Ms. Stottler sent a registered letter to Mr. Larsen and Agent Levine explaining the City's Ordinance that the closing of any licensed premise for a continuous period of 90 days shall be deemed abandonment of the license. Mr. Larsen was asked to voluntarily surrender his license no later than December 30, 2015. Agent Levine refused the registered letter and Mr. Larsen accepted the letter at his home and refused the letter to the business. The Clerk's Office was told there was an interested buyer for the business and application forms were picked up.

Attorney Krueger explained that the City Council would have to go through a revocation and suggested this committee call in the owner to the February meeting. At that time the committee can decide what recommendation, if any, to make to the City Council. Ms. Cronin made a motion to call in the owner of the Cheese People of Beloit to the February ABLCC meeting, second by Ms. Barnett. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee members asked Captain Risse to check on the status of the Eagles Club, The Bop and Alumni House and advise the committee if they are still in business.

6. Citizen Comments – None
7. Committee Comments – None
8. Police Department Comments – Captain Risse reviewed reports in the committee's meeting packet. He also stated he met with Efran Valencia who has taken over the family business of Adiktion and will be open only for non-alcoholic events and fund raisers. Mr. Valencia has added outdoor lighting and will send the Police Department copies of the licenses of the security companies they use. Captain Risse stated the Mr. Valencia understands that this must be a dry establishment.
9. Attorney Comments – None
10. At 4:35 p.m. Dr. Baskin moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Vickerman. Motion carried.