



ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE

Beloit City Hall –The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI
March 8, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Dennis Baskin, Ralph Berkley, Malissa Cronin, John Metter,
Ron Tilley, Joseph Vickerman
Absent: Betty Barnett, Councilor Ana Kelly
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 February 10, 2016. Mr. Tilley made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Vickerman. Motion carried.
3. Consideration of the Change of Agent on the Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor License for Buffalo Wild Wings, 2747 Milwaukee Road, to James F. Gleich.

Captain Risse stated municipal and state records were checked and the Police Department has no objection to the appointment of this Agent. Captain Risse asked Mr. Gleich if he understood that as Agent he could be held responsible for alcohol violations such as underage sales, open after hours and other such violations. Mr. Gleich stated he understood this responsibility.

Dr. Baskin moved to recommend approval to the City Council of this Agent, second by Mr. Metter. Motion carried.

4. Consideration of the Change of Agent on the Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License of Beloit Snappers, 2301 Skyline Drive to Timothy Hinds.

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 Mr. Hinds to reaffirm that he understood that he would be held accountable for any alcohol violations on the premise. Mr. Hinds stated he understood his responsibility as Agent. Mr. Tilley asked Mr. Hinds how they check ages of customers of alcohol in the stands. Mr. Hinds stated the vendors and the two grandstand bars check ages for anyone appearing 35 years or less before the sale is made.

Mr. Metter made a motion to recommend approval to the City Council of Timothy Hinds as Agent at Beloit Snappers, second by Mr. Tilley. Motion carried.

5. Consideration of a new Class “B” beer and “Class B” Liquor License of Evans Group, LLC, d/b/a Royalty, Donta Evans, Agent, 530 East Grand Avenue.

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 Mr. Evans to confirm that he understands that as Agent he is responsible for all alcohol violations whether he is present or not and Mr. Evans stated he understood. Attorney Krueger reminded Mr. Evans that if he has employees dispensing alcohol and he was not overseeing that transaction, they would need to be licensed and she suggested that he have all of his employees licensed.

Mr. Metter questioned Mr. Evans about his previous experience and he stated he worked at a nightclub in Janesville; Bitter's Pub in Beloit and is also working in the field of marketing. Mr. Metter asked Mr. Evans if he had been convicted of any alcohol related violations and he replied that he had not. Mr. Metter stated he did not feel that Mr. Evans had fully completed the Supplemental Questionnaire. City Clerk, Lori Stottler, explained that her office guided Mr. Evans with filling out that form and that he should not be blamed for the Clerks Office not including his Strategic Business and Marketing Plan in the committee's packet. Mr. Evans provided the committee with a copy of this document which included a listing of his previous professional experience from 2004 to present. Mr. Metter stated he was satisfied with the information that Mr. Evans supplied and Chairman Berkley stated that with this added information the application was considered complete.

Dr. Baskin made a motion to recommend approval of this application to the Beloit City Council, second by Ms. Cronin. Motion carried.

6. Consideration of a new application for a Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor License of Arp Petroleum, d/b/a Beloit Mobil on the Run, 2883 Milwaukee Road. Owner/Agent Akbir Kang did not appear.

Chairman Berkley stated this item will be referred to the April Agenda as no one representing this application appeared.

7. Consideration of the Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Unit's complaint report at The End Zone, 616 Fourth Street, on February 10, 2016, and of a meeting held with Sandra Manning Brown with Chief Zibolski, Captain Molland and Captain Risse.

Captain Risse stated they discussed issues from a difficult 2015 and Mrs. Brown shared ideas that have worked for them in the past, including closing earlier and changing the minimum age of customers allowed in. He said that there have not been any issues since this meeting in mid-January. The report from the WI Department of Revenue Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Unit showed missing invoice violations, potential purchase from a non-distributor, confiscation of eleven bottles of liquor which did not have an invoice, and cartons of cigarettes on the premise when she did not hold a cigarette sales license.

Mrs. Brown stated she had taken all the 2015 invoices to her accountant for tax purposes and has since notified the Department of Revenue that she had the required invoices. Mr. Tilley asked about the cigarette violation and Mrs. Brown said she is not selling cigarettes and that the cartons of cigarettes belong to her employees and were immediately taken to their cars when found by the Agents. She explained that the bottles of liquor that were confiscated by the State Agents were brought in by her customers and were taken away from them and stored in a box in the kitchen. Chairman Berkley asked why that liquor was kept and not immediately destroyed and Mrs. Brown said she was on vacation at that time and she has since instructed her employees to immediately destroy the bottles confiscated.

8. Report on the status of the Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License held by The Cheese People of Beloit LLC, 431 East Grand Avenue.

Attorney Krueger reported that the licensee relinquished their license and the City did not have to go through a revocation process and the license is now available.

9. Report on the status of the Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License at the Eagles Club, 302 State Street. City Clerk, Lori Stottler, stated The Eagles Club has relinquished their liquor license and the Clerk's Office has an application for Wisco Kitchen, LLC, Jacqueline Gennett, Agent. The City Council will be referring this license to ABLCC on March 21st and will be on the Agenda of ABLCC on April 12th.
10. Citizen Comments: Danny Hatch, Jr. appeared to update the committee on the sale of Alumni House. Mr. Hatch stated he reestablished his Wisconsin Sellers Permit and reopened the business for three nights a week. Mr. Hatch said his attorney is still working at getting the remaining signature for the sale of the business.
11. Committee Comments: Mr. Tilley asked if there was a new law enacted about changing who will be charged for a liquor violation. Attorney Krueger explained there is a legislation pending which limits the person to whom a citation could be issued and have the police first focus on the server, bartender, seller, rather than the entity that holds the liquor license.
12. Police Department Comments: Captain Risse explained the police reports in the committee packet for the month of February.
13. Attorney Comments: No Comment
14. Mr. Metter made a motion to adjourn at 4:45, second by Mr. Vickerman. Motion carried.

Judith A. Elson
Deputy City Clerk