



ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE

Beloit City Hall –The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI
December 13, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Attorney Krueger with a quorum present. Chairperson Metter and Vice Chairperson Tinder were absent so Attorney Krueger took nominations from the floor for a president pro tem. Baskin and Cronin nominated Ron Tilley as president pro tem. No other nominations were made. Tilley became president pro tem for this meeting.
2. Baskin and Barnett made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 2016. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Status update related to the Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License for Palermo Enterprise, LLC, located at 618 4th Street, Beloit, WI, Olsie Ekleberry, Agent. Clerk Stottler explained that Palermo Enterprise, LLC was granted a Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License located at 648 Fourth Street for the license period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 originally in November of 2015 and was granted one extension by the ABLCC July 12, 2016 to extend to November 8th, 2016. That extension has expired. Clerk Stottler doesn’t have history on hand of multiple extensions in her office so this is a highly unusual request. City Ordinance requires that licenses being granted must be issued within six months after the original approval or subject to a hearing for revocation by the City Council. Peter Gabrielle, owner was present to give an update on the expiration of the first extension and request a second extension of six months. He explained that due to the unexpected death of a close friend who he started in business with, he has been busy helping that family run the business and is committed to them to the end of the year. He has meeting scheduled with contractors after the first of the year and expects progress to be relatively quick. Baskin and Barnett made a motion to recommend approval of a six-month extension of section 31.04(3) of the Code of General Ordinances for the City of Beloit which shall expire May 13, 2017. Motion carried. Attorney Krueger instructed Mr. Gabrielle to be present for the City Council meeting on December 19th at 7:00 p.m.
4. Status update related to the Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License for The New Pop House, located at 863 Fifth Street, Beloit, WI, Zachariah Robert Davis, Agent. Clerk Stottler explained that The New Pop House, located at 863 Fifth Street (old location of the Alumni House), in the City of Beloit was “granted” a Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License for the license period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 on June 20, 2016. He contacted the Clerk’s office recently explaining that he had recently established the difficult task of getting a clear deed for the property but would not be able to open in the timeframe set by statute. Mr. Davis appeared before the ABLCC to seek a six-month extension so he can continue to make improvements to the property in hopes of being open late spring. Cronin and Baskin made a motion to recommend approval of a six-month extension of section 31.04(3) of the Code of General

Ordinances for the City of Beloit which shall expire May 13, 2017. Motion carried. Attorney Krueger instructed Mr. Davis to be present for the City Council meeting on December 19th at 7:00 p.m.

5. Application for Amendment of Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License Premises Description for Wisco Kitchen located at 302 State Street, Beloit, WI, Jacqueline Gennett, Agent. Clerk Stottler explained that the license granted June 20, 2016 originally included both the first and second floors of the business. Ms. Gennett has since sub-leased the first floor into a Crossfit Beloit studio and is only using the second floor for event space and therefore needs to amend her license to reflect that. The City has received an application to amend and a new diagram for the first and second floors. Ms. Gennett was asked to confirm that the facility has a separate external entrance to the second floor and she indicated there was. Ms. Barnett asked her to explain more about her intentions for special events and classes. Ms. Gennett explained that the maximum capacity is 50 people and she was mainly focused on classes, workshops and private events that she would host. She was reminded that she was coming up against the six-month provision of 31.04(3) of the Code of General Ordinances for the City of Beloit as well and needed to facilitate the issuance of the license by December 20, 2016 in order to comply with city ordinance. She said she would do so. Baskin and Barnett made a motion to approve the amendment to the premise description on the original application. Motion carried. Attorney Krueger instructed Ms. Gennett to be present for the City Council meeting on December 19th at 7:00 p.m.
6. Citizen Comments: None.
7. Committee Comments: Mr. Tilley would like the parameters for Ordinance 31.04(3) added to a future agenda for further discussion on extensions going to a full year and asked the City Attorney when the last time extensions for a license were granted. Attorney Krueger recalled that The Thirsty Badger is a more recent one but thinks maybe one or two others in the past ten years. She explained that the ABLCC and the Council needs to be mindful of these licenses sitting on the shelf when there are economic development projects being explored and those licenses are not available for these new businesses. Both of the extensions granted today actually cross over with the annual renewal process that begins in March and are due April 15th and at that time, the Council could decide not to renew the license if progress isn’t occurring on these licenses. Mr. Tilley explained that this is a concerning trend to him and he’d like more discussion at a future meeting.
8. Police Department Comments: Captain Risse briefly discussed calls for service at local licensed premises and included three separate police reports. Cronin asked about the ones that said “alcohol violation” and “ordinance violation” but then had “no report”. Captain Risse didn’t know for sure but that could happen if a call was unsubstantiated or there would have been a report. Tilley asked if there was any progress on the Turtle Tap investigation. He explained they were still actively pursuing Mr. Joseph and Federal Marshals have some strong leads on his whereabouts.
9. City Attorney Comments: None
10. Baskin and Cronin made a motion to adjourn at 4:27 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Lorena Rae Stottler, City Clerk