



MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMMISSION
June 13, 2017

1. Call to order

The meeting of the Liquor Commission was called to order by Commissioner Renner at 4:00 p.m. on June 13, 2017.

2. Present

Commissioner Tari Renner. Staff: George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Asst. Police Chief Greg Scott, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Commissioners Absent: Lindsey Powell and Jack Bataoel.

3. Public Comment

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. No individuals provided comments during the meeting.

4. Consideration of approving the Commission Minutes of May 9, 2017.

Commissioner Renner approved the minutes as presented.

The following was presented:

5. Consideration of the application of McLean County Fair Association, d/b/a McLean County Fair Association, located at 2242 Westgate Dr. requesting a LB, limited liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises for the following dates: August 2nd through August 5th, 2017.

Mike Swartz, McLean County Fair Association Manager, addressed the Commission.

Mr. Boyle questioned how long Mr. Swartz had been with the McLean County Fair Association. Mr. Swartz stated that he had been the Manager for twelve (12) years.

Mr. Boyle questioned if a Limited, Beer and Wine liquor license had been held before. Mr. Swartz responded negatively.

Mr. Boyle questioned how the license would be used and dispersed. Mr. Swartz stated that beer would be served in cans, wine would not be served. Same would be confined to the grandstands. Everyone entering the grandstands over the age of twenty-one (21) would receive an armband. The beer tent adjoined to the grandstand and was but all fenced off. He

explained that the customer would purchase a ticket and then take the ticket to the beer distribution area. After purchase the customer would be allowed to sit in the grandstands.

Commissioner Renner stated he would recommend the item be sent to Council for its review and consideration on the July 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting agenda.

The following was presented:

- 6. Consideration of the application of CCW, LLC d/b/a HuHot Mongolian Grill located at 2103 N. Veterans Pkwy., Ste. 324 requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Leila Kietzman, HuHot Mongolian Grill District Manager, addressed the Commission.

Mr. Boyle questioned the number of restaurants. Ms. Kietzman stated their franchise group currently had twenty-six (26) restaurants. Mr. Boyle questioned liquor sales at same. Ms. Kietzman replied affirmatively.

Commissioner Renner questioned BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training certifications. Ms. Kietzman stated that staff would be trained.

Mr. Boyle questioned how long Ms. Kietzman had been a District Manager. Ms. Kietzman replied that she had been a District Manager a little over three (3) months; as a general manager in Rapid City, SD for 3.5 years. Mr. Boyle questioned compliance issues. She stated that there had never been any problems with compliance.

Commissioner Renner stated he would recommend the item be sent to Council for its review and consideration on the July 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting agenda.

The following was presented:

- 7. Consideration of the application of the Lil Beaver Brewer, LLC, d/b/a Lil Beaver Brewer, located at 16 Currency Dr., Unit B, requesting an TBPS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises and the sale of beer and wine alcohol for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Chad Bevers, owner/operator, addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Renner questioned if Mr. Bevers if had held a liquor license in the past. Mr. Bevers responded negatively.

Commissioner Renner questioned BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training certifications. Mr. Bevers responded not at this time but he would complete same.

Mr. Boyle questioned the business plan. Mr. Bevers stated that the brewery was referring to as a nano brewery. He explained that the brewery would produce small amounts of alcohol on site.

Commissioner Renner stated he would recommend the item be sent to Council for its review and consideration on the July 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting agenda.

The following was presented:

- 8. Consideration of the application of Aix Indigo, LLC d/b/a Giordano's Famous Stuffed Pizza located at 1505 N. Veterans Pkwy., Ste. A requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Aaron Uftring, Franchisee/owner addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Renner questioned Mr. Uftring's position with Giordano's. Mr. Uftring replied that he was the owner of the restaurant.

Commissioner Renner questioned any violations with previous liquor licenses in the past. Mr. Uftring responded negatively. He noted that the restaurant would be his first franchise location, he had worked for the company for eight (8) years.

Mr. Boyle questioned if he was aware of any problems with Giordano's as far as liquor issues and compliance issues. Mr. Uftring responded negatively.

Commissioner Renner stated he would recommend the item be sent to Council for its review and consideration on the July 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting agenda.

The following was presented:

- 9. Consideration of a change of ownership at Dyno Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a Hot Spot Grocery & Liquor, located at 1102 N. Hershey Rd, #A, currently holding a PAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types packaged alcohol for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Mr. Boyle stated there were no issues with this consideration of change.

- 10. Public Hearing on proposed text amendment to City Code Chapter 6 for a Class "CS" (Complementary Service) Liquor License authorizing the complementary service of beer or wine to patrons over the age of 21.**

- a. Discussion by the Commission of the proposed text amendment to City Code Chapter 6 for a Class "CS" (Complementary Service) Liquor License authorizing the complementary service of beer or wine to patrons over the age of 21.**

Commissioner Renner noted that that there was concerns with complimentary liquor in the city. He questioned abused with complimentary service. Asst. Police Chief Scott responded that he was not aware of same.

Commissioner Renner opened the item for public input.

Tara Conklin came forward, she questioned how licensing would occur. Ms. Conklin offered comments from an insurance perspective including the fact that often times a business owner's policy includes host liquor. She provided an example of a business hosting a Christmas party with beer and wine. The business owner's policy was would contain kind of liquor liability, provided the liquor was not being sold.

Commissioner Renner stated that a public hearing on this item would be on the July 11, 2017 Liquor Commissioner meeting. He noted that not all Municipalities offered this type of licensing. He stated that prior to bringing the proposal to the City Council same would have to be vetted.

11. Adjournment.

Commissioner Renner adjourned the meeting. Time: 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Gooderham, R.M.C.
Chief Deputy Clerk