



City of Waukesha

City Hall,
201 Delafield Street
Waukesha, WI 53188

Meeting Minutes

Ordinance & License Committee

Monday, January 27, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
Use upper level doors off Buena Vista Ave.

1. Call to Order

Present 4 - Johnson, Manion, Rodriguez, and R. Lemke

Absent 1 - D. Lemke

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

[ID#20-0095](#) O&L Minutes - January 13, 2020

Attachments: [O&L Minutes_13-Jan-2020.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Manion, to approve the Minutes for January 13, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Johnson, Manion, Rodriguez and R. Lemke

Absent: 1 - D. Lemke

4. Licenses

[ID#20-0092](#) INVITED Bartender- Jennifer Ries - January 27, 2020

Attachments: [2020.01.27 Bartenders.pdf](#)

Amy Martin appeared at the request of the Committee. She has re-applied and paid the \$20 fee. She has a pending child abuse issue that is with the District Attorney's Office. Ald. Rodriguez asked the agent for The Destination, Ms. Ramos, if she was aware of the situation and if she is comfortable with Martin working for her; she confirmed that she is. Ald. Rodriguez made a motion to approve. Atty Running said the City has serious concerns about this application and at a minimum recommended holding this application until the DA's office has completed their review. Running said the pending charges are of a severity that they would be reason for a denial. Johnson agreed. There was no second to the original motion. Ald. R. Lemke made a motion to hold this application until the matter at the DA's office is concluded. Ald. Manion seconded this motion.

A motion was made by R. Lemke, seconded by Manion, to put this item on hold. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Johnson, Manion, Rodriguez and R. Lemke

Absent: 1 - D. Lemke

Jennifer Reis appeared before the Committee at its request. She has battery and disorderly conduct referrals pending at the district attorney's office. Reis said this is related to an argument with her boyfriend that resides with her. This is an open application. Manion asked for Atty Running's opinion; Running said the City does not oppose this application. Her background check reflects that the the last non-traffic violation was in 2004.

A motion was made by Rodriguez, seconded by Manion, to approve this application. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Johnson, Manion, Rodriguez and R. Lemke

Absent: 1 - D. Lemke

Eric Rossman appeared before the Committee at its request, with his agent Cheryl Berger. He has a matter pending at the District Attorney's office, Possession of Narcotic Drugs was referred by our police department. Rossman said he understands that the charges may be dropped. He said he has a baby now and is working 40 hours a week. He said his job requires regular DOT testing.

Lt. Habanek said he has concerns with the applicant's history with drugs and in 2016 he was cited for tavern open after hours. Rossman said he has had a bartender license since the open after hours citation. His agent said she is aware of his prior charges. She also said that she resides above the bar and therefore monitors so they are not open after hours.

Rodriguez is satisfied that the after hours charge has been addressed previously by the committee. She made a motion to approve.

Lt. Habanek said he is concerned that Rossman has drug issues from 2016, 2017 and 2019.

Running recommends denial based on the open after hours, he said that should be taken into account.

Motion to approve failed for lack of a second. Ald. R. Lemke made a motion to put on hold until there is a determination on the matter pending with the DA's office.

A motion was made by R. Lemke, seconded by Manion, that this License be held. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Johnson, Manion and R. Lemke

Nay: 1 - Rodriguez

Absent: 1 - D. Lemke

[ID#20-0093](#) Bartenders - January 27, 2020

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A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Manion, to approve the remaining bartender applications. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Johnson, Manion, Rodriguez and R. Lemke

Absent: 1 - D. Lemke

[ID#20-0094](#) Other Licenses - January 27, 2020

Attachments: [2020.01.27 Other Licenses.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Manion, to approve the Other Applications. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Johnson, Manion, Rodriguez and R. Lemke

Absent: 1 - D. Lemke

5. Communications

The Committee discussed the compliance checks done late in 2019 and the positive outcome. Out of 124 establishments checked, 5 failed, for a 4% failure rate. This is down from a 24% failure rate in 2018.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Ald. Steve Johnson, Chairman

"A majority of the Council members may be in attendance"

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