



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

**Council Session**

## **Item G-3**

**Approving Request for Liquor Manager Designation for Laura  
Hodgin, 2806 Lamar Avenue for Buffalo Wild Wings #313, 809  
Allen Drive**

**Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

**Meeting:** January 23, 2018

**Subject:** Request from Laura Hodgin, 2806 Lamar Avenue for Liquor Manager Designation with Buffalo Wild Wings #313, 809 Allen Drive

**Presenter(s):** RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

## **Background**

Laura Hodgin, 2806 Lamar Avenue has submitted an application with the City Clerk's Office for a Liquor Manager Designation in conjunction with Buffalo Wild Wings #313, 809 Allen Drive.

This application has been reviewed by the Police Department and City Clerk's Office. See Police Department report attached.

## **Discussion**

City Council action is required and forwarded to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for issuance of all liquor manager designations. All departmental reports have been received. Ms. Hodgin has completed a state approved alcohol server/seller training program. Staff recommends approval.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the requests.
2. Forward the requests with no recommendation.
3. Take no action on the requests.

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the request for Liquor Manager Designation.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the request from Laura Hodgin, 2806 Lamar Avenue for Liquor Manager Designation in conjunction with the Class "I-092285" Liquor License for Buffalo Wild Wings, 809 Allen Drive.

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Grand Island Police Department  
LAW INCIDENT TABLE

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City : Grand Island  
Occurred after : \*\*:\*\*:\*\* \*\*/\*\*/\*\*\*\*  
Occurred before : \*\*:\*\*:\*\* \*\*/\*\*/\*\*\*\*  
When reported : 15:45:46 01/09/2018  
Date disposition declared : 01/10/2018  
Incident number : L18010669  
Primary incident number :  
Incident nature : Liquor Lic Inv Liquor Lic Inv  
Incident address : 809 ALLEN DR  
State abbreviation : NE  
ZIP Code : 68803  
Contact or caller : RaNae Edwards  
Complainant name number :  
Area location code : PCID Police - CID  
Received by : Vitera D  
How received :  
Agency code : GIPD GIPD Grand Island Police Dept  
Responsible officer : Vitera D  
Offense as Taken :  
Offense as Observed :  
Disposition : ACT Active  
Misc. number : RaNae  
Geobase address ID : 32512  
Long-term call ID :  
Clearance Code : CL CL Case Closed  
Judicial Status :  
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INVOLVEMENTS:

Px	Record #	Date	Description	Relationship
NM	225532	01/12/18	Hodgin, Laura F	Liquor Manager
NM	161879	01/09/18	Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar	Business Involved

LAW INCIDENT CIRCUMSTANCES:

Se	Circu	Circumstance code	Miscellaneous
1	LT21	LT21 Restaurant	

LAW INCIDENT NARRATIVE:



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Liquor License Investigation

Grand Island Police Department

Date, Time: 01/09/2018  
Reporting Officer: Vitera  
Unit- CID

Laura Hodgin is applying to become the liquor manager at Buffalo Wild Wings.

LAW INCIDENT RESPONDERS DETAIL:

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LAW SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Seq	Name	Date
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Grand Island Police Department  
Supplemental Report

Date, Time: Wed Jan 10 14:13:23 CST 2018  
Reporting Officer: Vitera  
Unit- CID

Laura Hodgins is applying to become the liquor manager at Buffalo Wild Wings. While perusing the application, I noticed that Laura was born in Nebraska but did not disclose her residence for the last ten years, she did not list a spouse, and did not disclose any criminal convictions. Her listed work history shows that she worked at a Golden Corral and a Buffalo Wild Wings between 2010 and 2015, and each restaurant has an out of State area code.

I searched for Laura in Spillman and NCJIS. There was no record of her in Spillman, and the only record I could find in NCJIS was a driver's license which was issued on 12/14/17. It would appear that Laura hasn't lived in Nebraska for awhile until just recently. Laura's newly issued Nebraska driver's license is valid, and she does not have any outstanding warrants for her arrest.

I tried calling Laura on 1/10/18 on the home phone number provided on the application. I did not get an answer, and her voice mailbox had not been set up. I then called Buffalo Wild Wings and was able to leave a message for her to call me.

Laura called me on 1/11/18. The home phone number on the application was off by one number. I asked Laura if she filled out the application, and she said, "A lady from the home office in Minneapolis did." Laura said the lady asked her if she had ever been convicted of a felony, and Laura told her she hadn't. I asked Laura if she had been convicted of anything else. She advised that she was convicted of DUI in Minnesota in 2011, DUI in Ohio in 2016, and speeding in South Dakota in 2008. Laura said while the application was filled out for her, she had to sign it and had an opportunity to read through it. When she applied for employment with Buffalo Wild Wings, she disclosed her criminal history to them. She assumed that since they already had access to that information, they would include it on the application when they filled it out.

I asked Laura about where all she has lived within the last ten years. She advised that she lived in Aberdeen, South Dakota where she graduated from high school in 2009. She lived in Brookings, South Dakota where she went to college in 2009 and 2010. She lived in Mankato, Minnesota from 2010 until 2013 where she attended another college, and prior to moving to Grand Island around Thanksgiving of last year, she lived in Columbus, Ohio. Laura said she applied for the Buffalo Wild Wings job in Grand Island to get closer to home (South Dakota).

All in all, with Laura not living in Nebraska within the last ten years, it's difficult to get pertinent criminal justice information on her for the purposes of a liquor license investigation. I think Laura's incomplete application was an honest mistake and a miscommunication issue with her home office. She seemed very forthcoming with information over the phone. The criminal convictions she disclosed over the phone would not preclude her from becoming a liquor manager. The national criminal history check at the State level will catch any significant and relevant omissions. At this time, the Grand Island Police Department has no objection to Laura Hodgins becoming the liquor manager at Buffalo Wild Wings.