



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Council Session

Item E-1

Public Hearing on Request from Grand Island PR, Inc. dba Grand Island Pizza Ranch, 1016 Diers Avenue, Suite 124, Grand Island, Nebraska for a Class “A” Liquor License

Council action will take place under Consent Agenda item G-4.

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

Council Agenda Memo

From: RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Meeting: February 12, 2019

Subject: Public Hearing on Request from Grand Island PR, Inc.
dba Grand Island Pizza Ranch, 1016 Diers Avenue, Suite
124 for a Class “A” Liquor License

Presenter(s): RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Background

Section 4-2 of the Grand Island City Code declares the intent of the City Council regarding liquor licenses and the sale of alcohol.

Declared Legislative Intent

- It is hereby declared to be the intent and purpose of the city council in adopting and administering the provisions of this chapter:
- (A) To express the community sentiment that the control of availability of alcoholic liquor to the public in general and to minors in particular promotes the public health, safety, and welfare;
 - (B) To encourage temperance in the consumption of alcoholic liquor by sound and careful control and regulation of the sale and distribution thereof; and
 - (C) To ensure that the number of retail outlets and the manner in which they are operated is such that they can be adequately policed by local law enforcement agencies so that the abuse of alcohol and the occurrence of alcohol-related crimes and offenses is kept to a minimum.

Discussion

Grand Island PR, Inc. dba Grand Island Pizza Ranch, 1016 Diers Avenue, Suite 124 has submitted an application for a Class “A” Liquor License. A Class “A” Liquor License allows for the sale of beer on sale only inside the corporate limits of the city.

City Council action is required and forwarded to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for issuance of all licenses. This application has been reviewed by the Clerk, Building, Fire, Health, and Police Departments. See attached Police Department report.

Also submitted was a request for Liquor Manager Designation for Greg Tatro, 1312 W. Koenig Street. Staff recommends approval contingent upon final inspections and completion of a state approved alcohol server/seller training program.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the application.
2. Forward to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission with no recommendation.
3. Forward to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission with recommendations.
4. Deny the application.

Recommendation

Based on the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission's criteria for the approval of Liquor Licenses, City Administration recommends that the Council approve this application.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the application for Grand Island PR, Inc. dba Grand Island Pizza Ranch, 1016 Diers Avenue, Suite 124 for a Class "A" Liquor License contingent upon final inspections and Liquor Manager Designation for Greg Tatro, 1312 W. Koenig Street contingent upon completion of a state approved alcohol server/seller training program.

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Grand Island Police Department
Supplemental Report

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Reporting Officer: Vitera
Unit- CID

Pizza Ranch is applying for a Class A (beer on sale only) Corporate Retail Liquor License, and Greg Tatro is applying to become the liquor manager. The owners of the business are listed as: Bradley and Tracy Clevennga, Tyler and Aja Sickles, Harlan and Terri Vander Griend, and Jessica Kenyon. The Clevennga's and the Sickles' are from Iowa and are currently living in Iowa. The Vander Griend's live in West Point, Nebraska. Jessica Kenyon and Greg Tatro each live in Grand Island. According to the application, Greg has lived here since 1985. Each female spouse signed a Spousal Affidavit of Non-Participation form.

I checked everyone involved through Spillman and NCJIS. I did not locate Bradley, Tyler, or Harlan in Spillman. Greg and Jessica have entries in Spillman. Greg didn't have anything which would indicate he has any criminal convictions out of Hall County. Jessica was referred to the County Attorney fifteen years ago on a Class II Misdemeanor Theft. Greg shows two convictions for speeding in NCJIS. Jessica has four convictions for speeding (1 of them was after the submission of the liquor license application) and a DUI conviction in 2006. I also checked all five people for warrants and driver's license information. None of them have outstanding arrest warrants, and it appears they all have a valid driver's license.

I scrolled through the application and didn't find anything out of the ordinary. With half of the owners living in Iowa, it makes it difficult to run criminal history checks on them since I'm prohibited from doing that for a non-criminal reason. The owners who live in West Point, Nebraska have absolutely no criminal history in Nebraska, and the owner who lives in Grand Island has no disqualifying convictions and only has a few speeding convictions in the last thirteen years. The manager who has lived in Grand Island since 1985 has only been convicted of speeding twice in that timeframe.

Nebraska State Patrol Investigator Joe Hansen and I went to the Pizza Ranch on 2/4/19 and met with Greg Tatro. Greg said he would be surprised if 10% of their revenue would come from beer sales. Investigator Hansen went through a check list of questions with Greg, and we toured the restaurant. Investigator Hansen and I didn't see any problems.

In summary, the Grand Island Police Department has no objection to the Pizza Ranch obtaining a Class A liquor license or to Greg Tatro becoming the liquor manager.

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Liquor License Application:
Class "A": Grand Island PR, Inc. dba Grand Island Pizza Ranch

