



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

**Council Session**

## **Item G-6**

**Approving Request from Christopher Kotulak, 5066 Fort Kearney Road for a Liquor Manager Designation for Heartland Events Center, 690 E. Stolley Park Road**

**Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

**Meeting:** September 24, 2019

**Subject:** Request from Christopher Kotulak, 5066 Fort Kearney Road for Liquor Manager Designation with Heartland Events Center, 690 E. Stolley Park Road

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

## **Background**

Christopher Kotulak, 5066 Fort Kearney Road has submitted an application with the City Clerk's Office for a Liquor Manager Designation in conjunction with Heartland Events Center, 690 E. Stolley Park Road.

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. Mr. Kotulak 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 request.
2. Forward the requests with no recommendation.
3. Take no action on the request.

## **Recommendation**

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

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the request from Christopher Kotulak, 5066 Fort Kearney Road for Liquor Manager Designation in conjunction with the Class “CK-078820” Liquor License for Heartland Events Center, 690 E. Stolley Park Road.

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Grand Island Police Department  
LAW SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

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Incident number : L19091350  
Sequence number : 1  
Name : Vitera D  
Date : 17:15:46 09/15/2019  
Narrative : (see below)  
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Grand Island Police Department  
Supplemental Report

Date, Time: Sun Sep 15 17:15:58 CDT 2019  
Reporting Officer: Vitera  
Unit- CID

Christopher Kotulak is applying to become the liquor manager at the Heartland Events Center. According to his application, Christopher just moved to Aurora, NE in 2018. He currently has an address in Merrick County. Before that, he lived in Oklahoma and California. He is married to Kay Kotulak. Kay signed a Spousal Affidavit of Non-Participation form. Christopher disclosed a DUI conviction from California in 2003.

I checked Christopher and Kay through Spillman and NCJIS. Christopher had an entry in Spillman because he had applied to become the liquor manager at Fonner Park in January of this year. The Grand Island Police Department did not object to that application. I assume it was approved. However, when I checked the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission's (NLCC) website, it showed that the Fonner Park manager application is still pending. I'll call the NLCC and check on that.

Kay did not have an entry in Spillman. The only information on the Kotulak's in NCJIS is that they each have a Nebraska driver's license. Neither one have any outstanding arrest warrants. I checked Christopher through a paid online law enforcement-only database which tends to provide mostly personal identifying information and information about civil issues. I didn't find anything out of the ordinary.

I called the NLCC on 9/16/19 and was told that the Fonner Park liquor manager application from January is technically still pending. The person I spoke to pulled the file and found our local approval recommendation along with NSP Investigator Hansen's approval. She also found a criminal history record which showed no undisclosed convictions (as of January of this year). She wasn't sure why the application hadn't been approved yet.

Unless Christopher has been arrested or convicted of a disqualifying crime out of State within the last eight months, the Grand Island Police Department doesn't have any objections to Christopher Kotulak becoming the liquor manager for the Heartland Events Center.

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