



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Council Session

Item E-1

**Public Hearing on Request from Dani Enterprises, Inc. dba
Sluggers, 707 West Anna Street for a Class “C” Liquor License**

Council action will take place under Consent Agenda item G-2.

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

Council Agenda Memo

From: RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Meeting: January 28, 2020

Subject: Public Hearing on Request from Dani Enterprises, Inc. dba Sluggers, 707 West Anna Street for a Class “C” 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

Dani Enterprises, Inc. dba Sluggers, 707 West Anna Street has submitted an application for a Class “C” Liquor License. A Class “C” Liquor License allows for the sale of alcohol on and off 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 Danielle Schaeffer, 1740 Idlewood Lane. Staff recommends approval of the liquor license contingent upon final inspections and liquor manager designation for Danielle Schaeffer contingent upon completing 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.

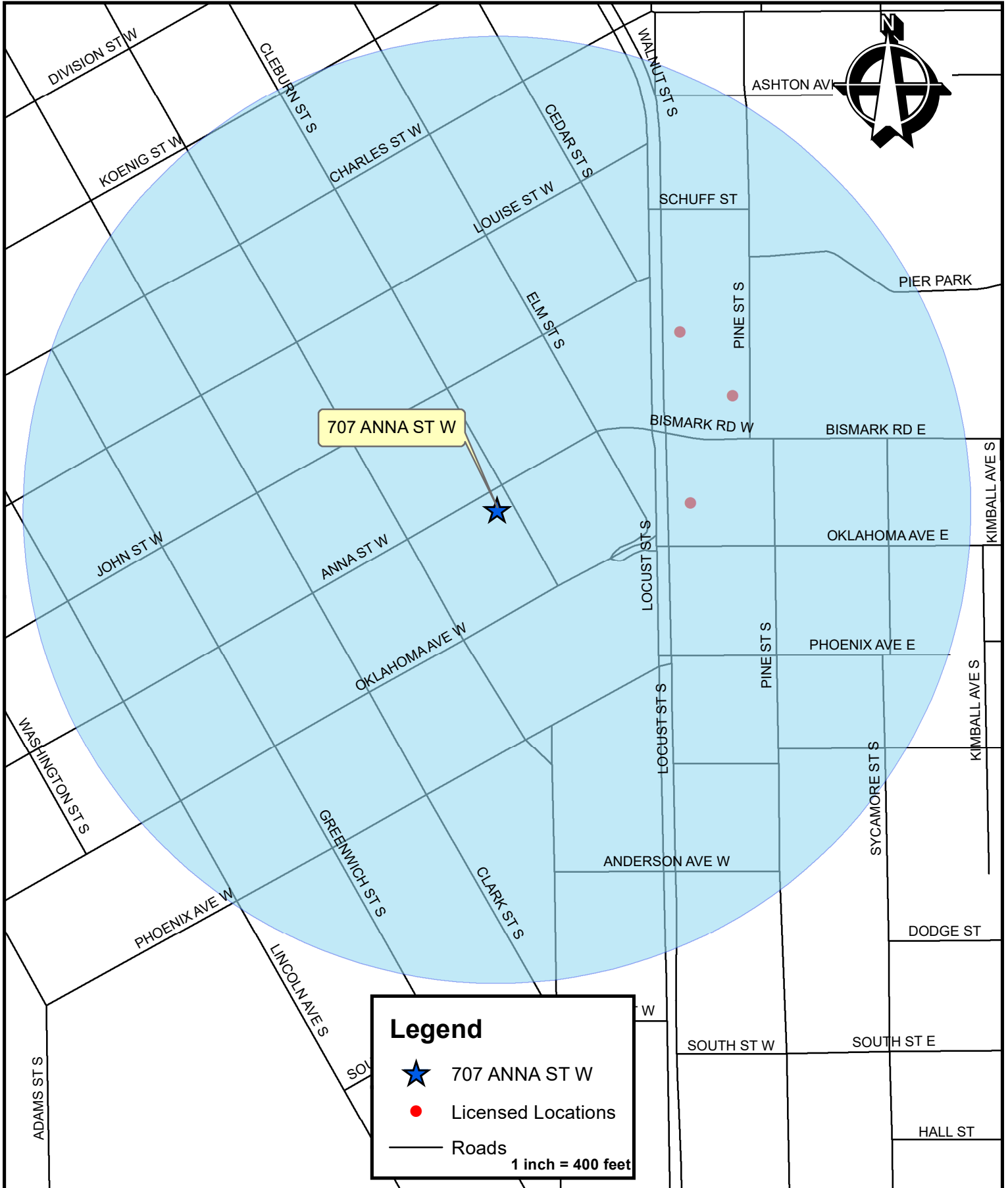
Recommendation

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 Dani Enterprises, Inc. dba Sluggers, 707 West Anna Street for a Class "C" Liquor License contingent upon final inspections and Liquor Manager designation for Danielle Schaeffer, 1740 Idlewood Lane contingent upon completion of a state approved alcohol server/seller training program.

Liquor License Application: Class "C" : Sluggers



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309 Liquor License Interview

Grand Island Police Department
Supplemental Report

Date, Time:1-14-20
Reporting Officer:Sgt Dvorak
Unit #:CID

SYNOPSIS OF SUPPLEMENT:

Danielle Schaeffer is purchasing Sluggers Sports Bar, and is applying for a Class C Liquor License. Schaeffer is purchasing the bar as Dani Enterprises Inc, LLC. Danielle is also applying to become the manager for the bar.

In the application, I observed that Danielle Schaeffer is married to Robert Schaeffer. Both indicate that they have lived in Grand Island for more than ten years. Sluggers Inc applied for, and was granted, a Temporary Operating Permit (TOP) to stay in operation during the sales transition.

I noted that on the application, Danielle disclosed that she was convicted of a misdemeanor charge of Attempted Possession of a Controlled Substance in 2001. However, Danielle also provided documentation that her conviction was nullified in 2006. No other convictions or traffic violations were reported.

I checked both Danielle and Robert Schaeffer through Spillman and NCJIS. I found nothing noteworthy in Spillman, and neither party had any convictions listed in NCJIS. Both Danielle and Robert have a valid Nebraska drivers license, and neither have any outstanding warrants for their arrest. I also checked both Schaeffers through a paid Law Enforcement only database, which tends to provide mostly personal identifying information and details of any civil issues. No concerns were located.

On 1-8-20 Nebraska State Patrol Investigator Jeromy McCoy and I met with Danielle Schaeffer, at Sluggers. Danielle explained that she has worked for Bob Buck at Sluggers since 2011, and has been his manager for the past couple of years. Danielle said Buck's health has been declining recently, so he wanted to sell the bar. Schaeffer indicated that she has worked in bars and restaurants since 2004, and wanted to stay in the industry. She talked to her husband, and to her bank, and decided she could purchase Sluggers from Buck.

Danielle already had plans for some alterations and small remodels to the bar to make it more efficient. She was increasing the size of the walk-in cooler, and relocating the small front cooler to make more room around the kitchen area. Schaeffer said she did not have any plans to change the day to day operations of Sluggers, and said she prefers to keep its "neighborhood bar" reputation and regular clientele. Schaeffer indicated she also intends to remain a Keno point of sale, gambling machines and pickle cards. Danielle demonstrated her knowledge of gaming laws, common alcohol violations and prevention, and tobacco sales concerns with the new Federal mandate.

Schaeffer said her husband Robert cooks at Sluggers in the evenings, but does not, and will not, have anything to do with sales. Danielle said she has "a couple" of regular employees who will stay on with her, but she plans to be on site, and operate the bar herself 60-70 hours per week.

The Grand Island Police Department has no objection to the Danielle Schaeffer receiving a Class C liquor license and becoming the manager of Sluggers Sports Bar as the new owner.