



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Council Session

Item G-8

Approving Request from Christine Lewis, 612 Oasis Place, Cairo, Nebraska for Liquor Manager Designation with Carlos O'Kelly's dba Carlos O'Kelly's Mexican Café, 1810 Diers Avenue

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

Council Agenda Memo

From: RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Meeting: August 10, 2021

Subject: Request from Christine Lewis, 612 Oasis Place, Cairo, Nebraska for Liquor Manager Designation with Carlos O’Kelly’s dba Carlos O’Kelly’s Mexican Cafe

Presenter(s): RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Background

Krystal Carter, 612 Oasis Place, Cairo, Nebraska has submitted an application with the City Clerk’s Office for a Liquor Manager Designation in conjunction with Carlos O’Kelly’s dba Carlos O’Kelly’s Mexican Café.

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. Staff recommends approval contingent upon 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 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 Christine Lewis, 612 Oasis Place, Cairo, Nebraska for Liquor Manager Designation in conjunction with the Class "I-133178" Liquor License for Carlos O'Kelly's dba Carlos O'Kelly's Mexican Cafe contingent upon completion of a state approved alcohol server/seller training program.



Grand Island Police Department

Officer Report for Incident L21072237

Nature: Liquor Lic Inv

Address: 1810 DIERS AVE N; CARLOS
OKELLYS

Location: PCID

Grand Island NE 68803

Offense Codes:

Received By: Dvorak T

How Received: T

Agency: GIPD

Responding Officers: Dvorak T

Responsible Officer: Dvorak T

Disposition: CLO 08/04/21

When Reported: 15:02:49 07/27/21

Occurred Between: 15:02:49 07/27/21 and 15:02:49 07/27/21

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race: **Sex:**

Phone:

City: ,

Offense Codes

Reported:

Observed:

Circumstances

LT21 LT21 Restaurant

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Dvorak T

309

Responsible Officer: Dvorak T

Agency: GIPD

Received By: Dvorak T

Last Radio Log: **:*.**:** **/**/**

How Received: T Telephone

Clearance: CL CL Case Closed

When Reported: 15:02:49 07/27/21

Disposition: CLO **Date:** 08/04/21

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 15:02:49 07/27/21

Misc Entry:

and: 15:02:49 07/27/21

Modus Operandi:

Description :

Method :

Involvements

Date

Type

Description

08/04/21

07/27/21	Name	Lewis, Christine M	Proposed Liquor Mgr
07/27/21	Name	Carlos OKellys Mexican Cafe,	Business involved

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Narrative

Liquor License Investigation

Grand Island Police Department

Christine Lewis has applied to become the new Liquor Manager for the Grand Island location of Carlos O' Kellys restaurant.

Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date

08/04/21

Supplement

309 Liquor License Investigation

Grand Island Police Department
Supplemental Report

Date, Time: 8-2-21

Reporting Officer: Sgt Dvorak #309

Unit #: CID

I received an application regarding appointing a new Liquor Manager for the Grand Island location of Carlos O' Kellys restaurant. Christine Lewis completed the application, which indicated she is currently employed at Carlos O' Kellys in management, but has not held the liquor manager designation previously.

Christine does not list a spouse on her application and indicated she has worked at Carlos O' Kellys since 2014. Lewis indicated she has lived in Kearney or Grand Island from 2002 until the present, but I noted she lists an address in Cairo currently. I utilized our local Spillman database, NCJIS and a paid Law Enforcement Only service to check on Lewis' background.

Christine had two minor traffic violations, and her license is valid. She had no warrants for her arrest. The application does not include a spouse. I noted that Christine previously utilized the last name of Wilson. I confirmed the current Cairo address and found historical entries on the LE Only database, which primarily reveals civil and financial records and entries. Lewis had not had any collections entries since 2012, and no bankruptcies. Overall I found no items of great concern in the background check.

On 7-30-21, around 1400, I met with Christine at the restaurant. Lewis indicates she prefers to use the first name of Christi. Christi said she has been employed by Carlos O' Kellys for several years, and has been the General Manager for just over two years. Christi said she has never held a Liquor Manager permit previously. Lewis indicated she does currently live at the listed address in Cairo, and the "present" entry for living in Grand Island was an oversight.

We discussed Liquor Manager duties and functions. Lewis said she has 21 employees, and four or five of them are under the age of 19. We talked about compliance checks and minors seeking to purchase alcohol. Christi indicated she is familiar with the proper procedures, but has never been in charge of making sure they are implemented and/or followed. Lewis said she is in the process of taking the required State of Nebraska training on line.

Christi said they usually don't have many problems with over serving, or intoxicated customers. She said they close the doors at 2100, because they are primarily a restaurant, not a bar. Christi indicated she knows to call 911 if she or her staff encounter any issues. Lewis did indicate that the restaurant currently does not have an operative surveillance system, but she would like to get one in place.

I found no questionable or concerning entries in my background search for Christine Lewis. She has been employed at Carlos O' Kellys for several years, with the past two years as General Manager. For these reasons, the Grand Island Police Department does not object to Christine Lewis being granted Liquor Manager status for Carlos O' Kellys in Grand Island.

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