



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Council Session

Item G-4

**Approving Request from Ali Bergeron, 418 East 13th Street for
Liquor Manager Designation with Chuckwagon BBQ, BYPI, 2504
South Locust Street**

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

Council Agenda Memo

From: RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Meeting: June 14, 2022

Subject: Requests from Ali Bergeron, 418 East 13th Street for Liquor Manager Designation with Chuckwagon BBQ, BYPI, 2504 South Locust Street

Presenter(s): RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Background

Ali Bergeron, 418 East 13th Street has submitted an application with the City Clerk's Office for Liquor Manager Designation in conjunction with the Class "I-124021" Liquor License for Chuckwagon BBQ, BYPI, 2504 South Locust Street.

The 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 taking and passing a state approved alcohol server/seller training course.

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 contingent upon taking and passing a state approved alcohol server/seller training course.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the request from Ali Bergeron, 418 East 13th Street for Liquor Manager Designation in conjunction with the Class "I-124021" Liquor License for Chuckwagon BBQ, BYPI, 2504 South Locust Street contingent upon taking and passing a state approved alcohol server/seller training course.

06/07/22	Name	Bergeron, Ali Elizabeth	proposed manager
06/07/22	Name	Chuckwagon BBQ,	location

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Narrative

New Liquor Manager
Grand Island Police Department

Ali Bergeron has applied to become the new liquor manager at Chuckwagon BBQ/ByPi Pizza at 2504 S Locust. Roebuck Enterprises LLC owns the restaurant.

Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date

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Supplement

Liquor Manager

Grand Island Police Department
Supplemental Report

Date, Time: 6-6-22
Reporting Officer: Sgt Dvorak #309
Unit #: CID

Ali Bergeron has applied to become the Liquor Manager at Chuckwagon BBQ/ByPi Pizza. I received the application and noted that Bergeron does not have a spouse. Ali has experience in food service jobs dating back to 2004 in both Nebraska and Louisiana.

I did note that Bergeron marked no for any convictions when filling out the form. The form notes specifically "EVER been convicted of or plead guilty to any charge. Charge means any charge alleging a felony, misdemeanor, violation of a federal or State law; violation of local law, ordinance or resolution. It is my experience that very few applicants can truthfully mark no to this question.

I checked our local database, State NCJIS files, and a paid law enforcement only database that divulges matters of civil nature and any judgements and liens. I found that Bergeron has no warrants for her arrest. However, I immediately noted on Ali's NE driver's history that she has no less than five (5) separate Nebraska convictions for moving violations and no operator's license in the past four (4) years. I also noted that she has two (2) convictions for operator's license violations in Louisiana dating back to 2007.

None of these violations would preclude Bergeron from obtaining a liquor license manager in and of themselves. However, it is concerning to me that Bergeron did not disclose ANY violations on her application. The law enforcement only database did not disclose any recent concerns.

On 6-7-22 I called Bergeron hoping to shed some light on her omission on the application. I told Ali that I noted she indicated she has never been convicted or plead guilty to any crimes. She said that was accurate. I explained that the wording of the question clearly includes traffic violations. Ali replied "OMG, does it really?" She volunteered that she has several traffic related violations, but did not realize that the application requires those types of traffic convictions were to be included. She said she was only thinking of actual crime.

I asked Ali to tell me about her traffic convictions. She said she had one or two back in Louisiana, the last one being right before she moved to Nebraska in 2018 or 2019. When Ali tried to get a new NE license, she was advised her LA license was suspended, so she could not be issued one in NE until her LA record was cleared. Bergeron said she tried for almost a year to get the situation settled, but eventually was forced to go to New Orleans in person before she could rectify the situation. During that period, she was stopped for speeding in Nebraska, more than once, and that led to her being charged with not having a driver's license. Bergeron said she has had no further issues since she obtained her NE OLN.

I explained the importance was truthfulness on official forms, especially in matters involving Liquor Licensing and the State of NE Liquor Commission. She advised she understood. We also outlined and discussed her duties as liquor

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manager for the restaurant. I stipulated that truthfulness and cooperation are a necessity for any issues she may encounter. Bergeron indicated she understood, and apologized for her earlier oversight on the application.

Although this application for Liquor Manager could be denied for providing false responses regarding her criminal history, I don't feel that Ali did it intentionally. There were no other answers or items of concern that would preclude her from obtaining this certification.

Therefore, the Grand Island Police Department will not object to Ali Bergeron being issued the Liquor Manager designation at Chuckwagon BBQ ByPi restaurant.

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