



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Council Session

Item E1

**Public Hearing on Request from Kandra Wilson dba The Faucet,
920 N. Diers Avenue, Suite 1 for a Class “C” Liquor License**

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

Council Agenda Memo

From: RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Meeting: January 22, 2013

Subject: Public Hearing on Request from Kandra Wilson dba The Faucet, 920 N. Diers Avenue, Suite 1 for a Class “C” Liquor License

Item #'s: E-1 & I-1

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

Kandra Wilson dba The Faucet, 920 N. Diers Avenue, Suite 1 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 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.

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 Kandra Wilson dba The Faucet, 920 N. Diers Avenue, Suite 1 for a Class "C" Liquor License contingent upon final inspections.

01/15/13
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Grand Island Police Department
LAW INCIDENT TABLE

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City : Grand Island
Occurred after : 09:35:53 01/08/2013
Occurred before : 09:35:53 01/08/2013
When reported : 09:35:53 01/08/2013
Date disposition declared : 01/08/2013
Incident number : L13010833
Primary incident number :
Incident nature : Liquor Lic Inv Liquor License
Investigation
Incident address : 920 Diers Ave N
State abbreviation : NE
ZIP Code : 68803
Contact or caller :
Complainant name number :
Area location code : PCID Police - CID
Received by : Vitera D
How received : T Telephone
Agency code : GIPD Grand Island Police Department
Responsible officer : Vitera D
Offense as Taken :
Offense as Observed :
Disposition : ACT Active
Misc. number : RaNae
Geobase address ID : 18784
Long-term call ID :
Clearance Code : CL Case Closed
Judicial Status : NCI Non-criminal Incident
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INVOLVEMENTS:

Px	Record #	Date	Description	Relationship
NM	182262	01/10/13	The Faucet,	Business
NM	153589	01/08/13	Wilson, Kandra A	Owner/Manager

LAW INCIDENT CIRCUMSTANCES:

Se	Circu	Circumstance code	Miscellaneous
1	LT03	Bar/Night Club	

LAW INCIDENT NARRATIVE:

Kandra Wilson is Applying for a Class C Individual Liquor License for an Establishment Called The Faucet.

LAW INCIDENT OFFENSES DETAIL:

Se	Offe	Offense code	Arson Dama
1	AOFF	Alcohol Offense	0.00

LAW INCIDENT RESPONDERS DETAIL:

Se Responding offi Unit n Unit number

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LAW SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Seq	Name	Date
1	Vitera D	10:30:55 01/10/2013

Grand Island Police Department
Supplemental Report

Date, Time: Thu Jan 10 10:31:06 CST 2013
Reporting Officer: Vitera
Unit- CID

Kandra Wilson applied for a Class C (beer, wine, distilled spirits on and off sale) Individual liquor license for an establishment called "The Faucet." Kandra is the only person listed on the application. While reviewing the section of the application that asks for convictions, I saw that Kandra disclosed several speeding tickets and a shoplifting incident from 1991. I checked Kandra through Spillman and NCJIS and did not find any undisclosed convictions. I also noticed that Kandra stated she lived in Omaha from 1999 until 2007. She has lived in Grand Island since 2007.

Kandra's business plan for The Faucet is a bar and grill which is open seven days a week from 11AM until 1AM. She plans on serving appetizers, salads, sandwiches, burgers, and pizza. For entertainment, Kandra will have several televisions, a coin operated juke box, and a couple of pool tables. She also will "occasionally" hire bands to play live music. Someone will also be working at the entrance on Friday and Saturday nights to check identification. The business plan also calls for an outdoor climate controlled beer garden that only has an entrance from the inside.

Before meeting with Kandra, I did a few online checks on her but didn't come up with anything of concern. I met with Kandra on 1/11/13 at the location of The Faucet. The suite where The Faucet will be is awaiting construction pending the issuance of a liquor license. In fact, there is still some demolition going on.

Kandra reiterated her business plan of having a bar that serves lunch and dinner. She said her menu will be similar to Balz but not quite as big. Kandra also said if she finds any of the weekday nights are busy like she anticipates a Friday or Saturday night will be, she will have someone checking identification at the door. As far as bands go, Kandra said she only has a couple of local bands in mind at this time. She was told that bringing a band in might cause her to have more employees working or

dedicated to security. Kandra assured me that she will run a respectable bar and will not tolerate reoccurring problems that may hurt her business.

All in all, the Grand Island Police Department recommends that the council give local approval to this license. However, we would also like to bring to the council's attention that the area where The Faucet will be located is fairly saturated with liquor licenses. A map indicating the number of licenses along the Highway 281 corridor should be attached. We would also be remiss if we didn't allude to the notion that this area can be considered an entertainment area. It is not residential. In addition, there is a pretty good mix of licenses. There are convenience stores, grocery stores, and restaurants mixed in with a couple of bars and a liquor store.



