



License Committee

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
<https://www.deperewi.gov/>

Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Alderperson Dan Carpenter.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dan Carpenter	Alderperson	Present	
Mike Eserkaln	Alderperson	Present	
Shana Defnet Ledvina	Alderperson	Present	

Also present: City Attorney Judy Schmidt-Lehman and City Clerk Carey Danen.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2020 License Committee meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Mike Eserkaln, Alderperson
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Defnet Ledvina

3. Application for Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License for Jeff L. Labombarb, O.T.R. Pub, 413 Main Ave. Submitted by Jeff L. Labombarb, Green Bay, WI.*

Police Chief Derek Beiderwieden reviewed the police department calls for service to this address since 2018 and noted:

- Recent violations of allowing underage individuals on licensed premises, underage drinking/consumption violations, false identification violations, obstructing police, a weapons call, battery and disorderly conduct;
- This location is widely known to be a popular establishment for underage high school and college students; and
- Up to 150 citations have been issued in the last three years to patrons and staff at this address.

The Chief noted that in order to maintain public peace and order in and around this neighborhood, his recommendation is that the application for a new liquor license at this premises be denied because problems like those noted above create issues for the surrounding area, not just the licensed establishment. Other businesses and residential spaces located near this establishment are all negatively affected by the illegal activity. City Clerk Carey Danen provided the following information on the history of license turnover at this location:

- Most recently licensed to Crystal Jenss as an individual beginning in June of 2020
- Juan Aviles applied for the license as an individual in February of 2020 but was denied;

- Ronald Evans, Reptile Rail Entertainment LLC, held the license from February 2017 – June 2020;
- Steve Peterson, Next Level Entertainment LLC, held the license for the 2016-2017 licensing period

Alderson Carpenter moved, seconded by Alderson Ledvina to open the meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously. The applicant addressed the Committee and answered questions. The applicant indicated that he would hire bouncers in addition to those stationed at the doors to roam the interior to catch underage persons. Alderson Carpenter pointed out that the proposed plan does not address keeping underage persons out at the door. Alderson Carpenter moved, seconded by Alderson Ledvina to close the meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Alderson Carpenter moved, seconded by Alderson Eserkaln to recommend to the Common Council that the application be denied based upon the Police Chief's recommendation, which cited a history of calls for service, law violations, liquor license turnover at the establishment, and adverse effect on the community.

RESULT:	DENIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderson
SECONDER:	Mike Eserkaln, Alderson
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Defnet Ledvina

4. Future Agenda Items
None.

5. Adjournment.

Alderson Carpenter moved, seconded by Alderson Eserkaln to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carey Danen, City Clerk