

**MINUTES FOR
LIQUOR AUTHORITY MEETING**

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
7500 West 29th Avenue, Municipal Building**

February 25, 2016

Chair Miks called the Liquor Authority Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Liquor Authority Members present:

Robert Alldredge
Paul Shaver
Elizabeth Nazarene
Bruce McIntyre
Anthony Davia
John Miks

Liquor Authority Members absent: Carolyn Peterson and Claudia Worth,
both excused as they are ill today.

Also present: Deputy City Clerk Kelly Stevens; City Attorney Joe Rivera; Police Officer Steve Berkowitz; staff; interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 28, 2016

Motion by Robert Alldredge to approve the minutes of January 28, 2016; seconded by Anthony Davia; carried 5-0; Chair Miks abstained.

Item 1. Application for Late Renewal – SG Ventures LLC dba Big Willie's Saloon & Grill Night Club, 11221 W. 44th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, 80033.

Deputy Stevens introduced the item. She explained that Big Willie's Saloon & Grill Night Club and its owner, Francesca Chrisp has applied to the City Clerk's Office to renew their Tavern Liquor License. As the Authority is aware, under normal circumstances, liquor license renewals for businesses with no liquor violations are processed in the City Clerk's Office. However, in this case, the liquor license expired on October 22, 2015. Upon investigation, the Colorado Department of Revenue, Liquor Enforcement Division did receive an application for renewal of this license and the \$500 renewal fee due to State, but since there was no local approval on the application the check was cashed, but the paperwork was returned to the applicant. The applicant, Ms.

Chrisp, states she never received this paperwork or the reminder letter that was sent to her in June, 2015.

According to C.R.S. 12-47-302, a business with a license expired less than 180 days may apply for renewal and, upon payment of all fees and fines due, may "continue to operate and sell alcohol beverages until the state licensing authority and local licensing authority have each taken final action on the licensee's application for license reissuance."

On Friday, February 5, 2016, Ms. Chrisp paid the renewal fees (less the \$500 already paid to State) and the late renewal fees and fines prescribed by statute. A police records check shows that the business has had no liquor violations in the past year.

Deputy Stevens introduced the applicant, Francesca Chrisp of Big Willie's

Chair Miks swore in Ms. Chrisp.

Mr. Davia asked what happened with this renewal.

Ms. Chrisp explained that her former manager was supposed to take care of renewals, etc. The renewal and payment was sent to State and State accepted payment but never did anything with it. Basically, the ball was dropped.

Deputy Stevens explained that, according to State Liquor, they cashed the renewal check on September 3, 2015, but because the renewal application did not have local approval, it was sent back, or to the City Clerk's Office. They did not have a record of where the renewal was sent and neither the applicant, or the Clerk's Office ever received it back.

Paul Shaver asked when is the business open

Ms. Chrisp stated the business used to be open normal hours when it was Stan's Caravan, however, this is not really feasible for here as the revenues were not high enough. Now the business operates more like a hall rental.

Officer Berkowitz asked how many days a month does the business operate.

Ms. Chrisp answered that they have events there almost every weekend.

Motion by Anthony Davia to approve the application for renewal of the Tavern Liquor License for SG Ventures LLC dba Big Willie's Saloon & Grill Night Club, 11221W. 44th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033 on the basis of the following findings:

1. The applicant is qualified to renew a liquor license pursuant to C.R.S. Section 12-47-302;

2. All renewal fees, including late renewal fines of \$500 and late renewal penalties of \$25/per day every day after 90 days expired have been paid;
3. The applicant has submitted a Renewal Application;
4. A police records check revealed no liquor violations in the past year.

Seconded by Robert Alldredge; carried 6-0

CITY CLERK'S MATTERS

Deputy Stevens stated on February 23rd, she emailed out the latest version of the State of Colorado Liquor Rules. She has prepared paper copies of this version, effective February 14, 2016, for any Authority member that wants one.

Ms. Stevens also stated that the City has a new Sales Tax Auditor, Donald Edens. Mr. Edens has created a new information sheet for liquor applicants regarding Liquor Occupation Taxes that will be very informative for our applicants and should help clear up some common misunderstandings. This new handout will be incorporated into all form packets given to liquor applicants. Ms. Stevens distributed a copy of the handout to the Authority members.

Ms. Stevens reminded the Authority members that the annual election for Liquor Chair and Vice Chair will need to be held next month. She will inform them when the next meeting will occur – probably at the end of the month. At least one new transfer is in the pipeline – 3 Agaves and she will keep them posted about that.

CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS

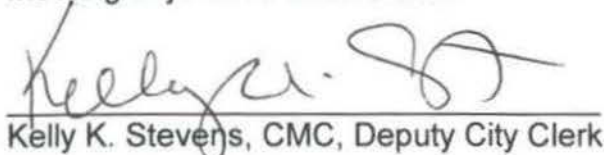
None

POLICE DEPARTMENT MATTERS

None

LIQUOR AUTHORITY MEMBERS MATTERS

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.



Kelly K. Stevens, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED BY LIQUOR AUTHORITY ON APRIL 14, 2016 BY A VOTE OF 6 TO
0 *Worth + Peterson abstained!*



John Miks, Chair