

**Minutes of the Liquor Licensing Review Subcommittee
of the Public Services & Safety Committee
Monday, May 6, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aldermen Weber, Borchardt, and Pollnow, Fire Chief Teesch, City Attorney Rashid, and City Clerk Nagel.

ALSO PRESENT: Erik Gialdella of Rev's Neenah, LLC, and Andrea Simonis of Grainworks Old + New, LLC

EXCUSED: Director of Community Development & Assessment Haese and Police Chief Olson

Chairman Weber called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

- I. Approval of minutes of July 30, 2024 (minutes can be found on the city website).
Clerk Nagel asked that this item be stricken from the agenda as the minutes were not included in the packet.
- II. Public Appearances: None.
- III. Unfinished Business: None.
- IV. New Business:
 - A. Review and make a recommendation on the Original "Class B" Combination Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application and Plan of Operation for Revs Neenah, LLC. d/b/a Rolling Thunder Lanes, 934 Byrd Avenue, William Smith, Agent.

Erik Gialdella of Rev's Neenah, LLC, was present to answer any questions.

The Clerk's Office received a Transferring Licenses from Business to Business application, an Original "Class B" Combination Liquor License Application, and an Operations Plan from Rev's Neenah, LLC, who was purchasing the Rolling Thunder Lanes on at 834 Byrd Avenue. Part of the sale transaction is the transfer of the liquor license.

Clerk Nagel had a phone conversation with Mr. Giadella who stated that a closing date has not been established at this time but it is anticipated to be early November. With the closing date not confirmed, Clerk Nagel requested the motion include a contingency of a closing date being established.

A background check was successfully completed on Rolling Thunder Lanes, as well as on Erik Gialdella and William Smith with an approval recommendation from the Police Department and no monies owed to the city.

MSC by Pollnow/Rashid to recommend Public Services and Safety Committee recommend Council approve the Original "Class B" Combination Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application and Plan of Operation for Rev's Neenah, LLC, d/b/a Rolling Thunder Lanes, William Smith, agent, contingent upon a closing date being established, all voting aye.

- B. Review and make recommendation on the Original "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor Retail License Application and Plan of Operation for Grainworks Old + New, LLC, d/b/a Grainworks Old + New, 200 Main Street, Brian Duncan, Agent.

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Andrea Simonis of Grainworks Old + New, LLC, was present to answer any questions.

Clerk Nagel walked the committee through her memo which was included in the packet. A background check was successfully completed on Grainworks Old + New, as well as on partners Brian and Chad Duncan with an approval recommendation from the Police Department and no monies owed to the city.

Clerk Nagel answered the question that if the store decides to become a restaurant in the future, does this license allow them to serve cocktails and beer. The license is for intoxicating liquor only, therefore Grainworks would have to apply for a fermented malt Class B to sell beer. Grainworks would also have to work with Community Development for building inspections as well as the Winnebago County Health Department for a food service license.

Grand Chute struggled making this decision because they did not want all the Class A Liquor Stores to apply for a Class B Retail license. Essentially, this is a bar within a liquor store and Grand Chute did not want all their regular or reserve licenses used in this application.

Ms. Simonis commented that its is not the intention of Grainworks to become a bar. Local businesses have approached Grainworks to host private events and social gatherings. It would allow Grainworks to do private taskings outside of store hours and expand it to the community as well. Customers would be able to purchase a large sample while they are shopping. There is also an opportunity to expand the business by forming special groups which is popular in the bourbon world. Grainworks would like to create a business that is more than a liquor store.

MSC by Pollnow/Borchardt to recommend Public Services and Safety Committee approves the Original "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor Retail License Application and Plan of Operation for Grainworks Old + New, LLC, d/b/a Grainworks Old + New, 200 Main Street, Brian Duncan, Agent. Motion carried in a voice vote, 4-0-2 with Rashid and Nagel voting present.

V. Any announcements/questions for the Subcommittee
None.

VI. Adjournment

MSC by Pollnow/Teesch to adjourn at 4:14 p.m., all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Nagel, City Clerk