

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present were Chairman Christopher Nelson, and Commissioners Andy Yuscka and Pat Hanley.

Also present were Village Manager Joseph Cavallaro and ten (10) people in the audience.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. April 24, 2017

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Yuscka and seconded by Commissioner Hanley to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2017 Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Class A Liquor License Request – Bleu Root, 98 W Main Street

Manager Cavallaro noted that Ms. Tammy Coakley, owner of Bleu Root, has submitted a request for a Class A Liquor License for a new farm to table dining concept to be located at 98 W Main Street.

He noted that the initial application requested a Class E outdoor dining liquor license also, which staff initially believed was not needed due to the location of outdoor dining. Upon further review it was found that a Class E license is needed to remain consistent with past practice. Therefore it is requested that the Local Liquor Commission consider approval of both a Class A and Class E license for the establishment.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Hanley and seconded by Commissioner Yuscka to adopt the Finding of Fact dated May 17, 2017 and approve the issuance of Class A and Class E liquor licenses for Bleu Root, located at 98 W Main Street, pursuant to the conditions noted. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Commissioners Hanley, Yuscka and Chairman Nelson

NAYS: None

B. Ordinance Amending Liquor Control Code – Discussion and Recommendation

Manager Cavallaro advised that the \$5,000 License and Permit Surety Bond currently required of liquor license holders, was initially intended to ensure payment of fines for liquor violations. Payment of fines is now handled through the Administrative Hearing process, and the bond requirement is considered antiquated and unnecessary based on the advice of legal counsel.

Counsel also recommended increasing the minimum coverage requirement for Dram Shop (Liquor Liability) Insurance from the statutorily required amount pursuant to the Illinois Compiled Statutes (currently around \$217,000) to the industry standard of \$1,000,000.

Both of these changes would become effective with the 2018-19 licensing year. A draft ordinance has been prepared to amend the Municipal Code to reflect these changes.

Additionally, the draft ordinance addresses recent changes in the number of authorized liquor license for each classification. It was noted that the draft ordinance shall be amended to increase the number of Class E licenses from four to five to account for the approval of a Class E license for Bleu Root.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Yuscka and seconded by Commissioner Hanley to recommend adoption of an ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 2: Liquor Control, of the West Dundee Municipal Code, so as to Remove the Requirement for a License & Permit Surety Bond, Amend the Number of Liquor Licenses and Amend the Conditions of License Regarding Dram Shop Insurance. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Commissioners Yuscka, Hanley and Chairman Nelson

NAYS: None

V. MISCELLANEOUS:

There was none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Hanley and seconded by Commissioner Yuscka to adjourn the Local Liquor Commission Meeting, Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Local Liquor Control Commission meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

ATTEST:

Kim Tibbetts
Deputy Village Clerk

Christopher Nelson
Village President