

**LIQUOR AND BEER MEETING
LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO
MUNICIPAL HEARING ROOM, CITY HALL, 250 NORTH 5TH STREET**

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Mike Grattan, City Attorney John Shaver, and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Kemp.

II. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES

1. Thrifty Payless, Inc. dba Rite Aid #6367, 400 N. 1st Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, 3.2% Beer Retail (Off Premises)

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Thrifty Payless, Inc. dba Rite Aid #6367 was found to be in order and approved.

2. CHANNCL, LLC dba Teller Arms Liquor, 2353 Belford Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81504, Retail Liquor Store

Chasaroen Lao, owner of Teller Arms Liquor and his son, Anthony Lao, were present.

The application for renewal for CHANNCL, LLC dba Teller Arms Liquor was found to be in order and approved.

3. Wigout Productions, Inc. dba Mesa Theatre and Club, 538 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

David Prather, president/owner of Wigout Productions, Inc., was present.

Ms. Kemp read an email into the record from Chuck Mathis, Fire Prevention Officer for the Grand Junction Fire Department, stating that Mesa Theatre is not in compliance and requested that the renewal for this license be rescheduled for a later date.

Mr. Prather stated that everything was complete except the sprinkler system which is scheduled for Thursday, July 21st.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Prather about the Grand Junction Sentinel article regarding the renovations at Mesa Theatre and Club including the expansion of the upstairs sky bar. Mr. Prather said they have not done that yet,

they have renovated the main area which included painting, replacing carpet and tile, etc. They will be expanding the area in front of the bar upstairs in approximately 6 to 8 weeks and will submit plans to the City Clerk's office once they have the plans.

City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Prather for more clarification of the expansion. Mr. Prather stated that they will just be enlarging the area in front of the bar. City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Prather if alcohol will be served in the area being expanded. Mr. Prather said yes. City Attorney Shaver stated that expansion would require a modification of premises. Mr. Prather said he does understand that.

The application for renewal for Wigout Productions, Inc. dba Mesa Theatre and Club was found to be in order and approved conditioned upon approval by the Fire Department.

4. Texas Roadhouse of Grand Junction, LLC dba Texas Roadhouse, 2870 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

Ms. Kemp reported that the Fire Department has not yet inspected Texas Roadhouse, but given the past history with no violations, they have no objection to the renewal of the liquor license.

The application for renewal for Texas Roadhouse of Grand Junction, LLC dba Texas Roadhouse was found to be in order and approved conditioned upon a satisfactory completion of the fire inspection.

III. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE WITH LATE FILING – Continued from July 6, 2011

1. DELK6, LLC dba Country Inns of America, 718 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Tavern - **Filed in the City Clerk's office 12 days late**

David and Laura Lehmann, owners of Country Inns of America, were present.

Ms. Kemp reported that sales tax is now in compliance and Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann has been very cooperative in both clearing up the sales tax problem and being in attendance for this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann said that the sales tax problem ended up being the City's error. The payment was posted into a wrong account. They were not present at the July 6th meeting because, unfortunately, they did not personally get the message that they needed to be present.

The application for renewal with late filing for DELK6, LLC dba Country Inns of America was found to be in order and approved.

IV. APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN CORPORATE STRUCTURE

1. Red Robin International, Inc. dba Red Robin America's Gourmet Burgers and Spirits, 2530 Rimrock Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant – **Master File established with State Liquor Enforcement**

Assistant Secretary (New Position): Douglas L. Christman, 2319 High Lonesome Trail, Lafayette, CO 80026

The application for change in corporate structure for Red Robin International, Inc. dba Red Robin America's Gourmet Burgers and Spirits was found to be in order and approved.

V. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF NEW MANAGER

1. Bookcliff Country Club dba Bookcliff Country Club, 2730 G Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel and Restaurant

Michael O. Fleig replaces David Kelley

The application for registration of new manager for Bookcliff Country Club dba Bookcliff Country Club was found to be in order and approved subject only to a satisfactory CBI/FBI report.

VI. APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

1. Vega's Momma, LLC dba ¡sabrosa! restaurante, 122 and 124 S. 5th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, transferring from Martinez Family Corporation dba Chupiro's Place, Tavern

Owner: Karima L. Boukhalfa, 1801 Bass Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81505

Karima Boukhalfa, owner, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that FBI reported two violations which neither violation was disclosed on the individual history form but when speaking to Ms. Boukhalfa, she acknowledged both violations and stated there was no conviction with either violation.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked if Martinez Family Corporation currently owns the tavern license and is transferring it to Vega's Momma, LLC. Ms. Kemp confirmed that to be correct.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Kemp about the violations that were reported by FBI. He asked if Ms. Boukhalfa amended the individual history form to disclose the violations. Ms. Kemp said that she did not amend the form because the form only asks about convictions. City Attorney Shaver asked if the report from FBI included a disposition. Ms. Kemp said it did not.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Boukhalfa about the violations. Ms. Boukhalfa stated that they were two separate parking tickets, one in 2001 and one in 2009, that she did not know that she had, warrants went out, and she paid both of them. She had no idea that they would show up on a FBI report.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked what kind of food the restaurant would serve. Ms. Boukhalfa explained that to start with, because of the problem with the kitchen not being up to compliance, she will be preparing prepackaged items at the incubator and having them at the restaurant where they could be microwaved and served for approximately 6 to 8 months, until she can get the money to remodel and turn the kitchen into a full service kitchen.

City Attorney Shaver said that the law statutorily requires that a tavern license have minimal snacks, sandwiches, pizza, etc. that is being offered to patrons so what she is proposing would satisfy that requirement.

The application for transfer of ownership for Vega's Momma, LLC dba ¡sabrosa! restaurante was found to be in order and approved.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – August 3, 2011