

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

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010 2:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting convened at 2:02 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. LOCO, Inc. dba LOCO Food Store No. 12, 107 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, 3.2% Beer Retail (Off Premises)

Chantell Berdan, Manager for LOCO Food Store No. 12, was present.

The application for renewal for LOCO Food Store No. 12 was found to be in order and approved.

2. Thrifty Payless, Inc. dba Rite Aid #6178, 1834 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, 3.2% Beer Retail (Off Premises)

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Rite Aid #6178 was found to be in order and approved.

3. Bold Petroleum, Inc. dba Acorn Travel Plaza, 2222 Hwy. 6 and 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, 3.2% Beer Retail (Off Premises)

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Acorn Travel Plaza was found to be in order and approved.

4. Inafuku, Inc. dba Suehiro Japanese Restaurant, 541 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

Steven Boyd, Manager and son of owner Sumiko Boyd, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that it was noted by PST Lisa Maestas with the Grand Junction Police Department that the applicant did not have their State liquor

license posted and there was a violation for selling alcohol to an underage person on November 13, 2009. A stipulation had been signed and a fine was paid in lieu of suspension, which the applicant had disclosed on their renewal.

Mr. Boyd reported that the State liquor license was taken down for some minor remodeling but was now posted. He also said that they now require that the customer present their identification both when the order for alcohol is taken and also checked again when the alcohol is served.

The application for renewal for Suehiro Japanese Restaurant was found to be in order and approved.

5. Zen Garden, Inc. dba Zen Garden, 2886 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

Ronnie Edwards, Fire Prevention Officer, reported that an inspection was conducted on August 17, 2010 and a violation was found with the kitchen hood equipment. A re-inspection was conducted on September 29, 2010 and the violation still existed. The applicant informed her that it was scheduled to be taken care of in the following week. She asked that the application for renewal not be approved until the violation is corrected. She left the applicant a copy of the Code showing the violation and also provided a copy to Ms. Kemp.

Ms. Kemp reported that it was noted by PST Lisa Maestas with the Grand Junction Police Department that the applicant did not have their State liquor license posted and there were two violations for selling alcohol to an underage person on November 14, 2009 and on January 7, 2010. A stipulation had been signed and a fine paid in lieu of suspension for the first violation and a suspension is pending for the second violation. She stated that the applicant had disclosed both violations on their renewal. Ms. Maestas had also reported that during her inspection, the owner's daughter appeared to be the only one taking orders and serving. In the second stipulation, it was noted that the owner's daughter would not be serving alcohol at all.

Ms. Kemp also advised that she had asked the owner, Mr. Chiou, to attend this liquor and beer meeting.

The application for renewal for Zen Garden was postponed until the October 20, 2010 and Hearing Officer Grattan asked that the City Attorney's office notify Mr. Chiou and his attorney Mr. Schweissing, who represented him on the show cause hearings, about the postponement and advise them that a representative needs to be present at the October 20, 2010 liquor and beer meeting.

6. Las Marias, Inc. dba Las Marias, 2692 Hwy. 50, Spaces E and G, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

Ms. Kemp reported that it was noted by PST Lisa Maestas with the Grand Junction Police Department that the applicant did not have the State liquor license, State sales tax license, City liquor license, or the minor warning sign posted. Ms. Maestas provided the applicant with a minor warning sign which she advised she had also provided to the applicant the year before.

The application for renewal for Las Marias was approved subject to a re-inspection to assure that all licenses and notices have been posted.

7. Azzamco, Inc. dba Freeway Bowl Fun Center, 1900 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

Tony Azzam, owner of Freeway Bowl Fun Center, was present.

The application for renewal for Freeway Bowl Fun Center was found to be in order and approved.

8. Genius Loci, LLC. dba Tenacious Brothers Pub, 118 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

No one was present representing the applicant.

Ms. Kemp reported that it was noted by PST Lisa Maestas with the Grand Junction Police Department that owner Mandi Kelley was arrested and released on a summons for serving alcohol to a visibly intoxicated person and the disposition of the case was not listed in the State Courts database system.

The application for renewal for Tenacious Brothers Pub was found to be in order and approved and Hearing Officer Grattan asked that the City Attorney's office look into the matter of the violation.

9. Thunder Mountain Tavern, LLC dba Thunder Mountain Tavern, 2701 Hwy. 6 and 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Tavern

No was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Thunder Mountain Tavern was found to be in order and approved.

### **III. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE WITH TASTING PERMIT**

1. College Liquors, Inc. dba College Liquors, 1133 Patterson Road, Unit 9, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Retail Liquor Store

John Stephenson, Manager of College Liquors, was present.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked if there is a sheet provided to the applicant advising them the requirements of the State Statutes or the ordinance for the

tastings. Ms. Kemp advised that there is an instruction sheet provided with the application for the tasting permit and it outlines all of the regulations. She told Mr. Grattan that she will send him a copy of the application as well as the ordinance.

Mr. Stephenson informed Hearing Officer Grattan that he has read the State Statutes.

City Attorney Shaver stated that he knows that the City Clerk's office does a fabulous job working with the applicants and providing them with any resources necessary.

The application for renewal with tasting permit for College Liquors was found to be in order and approved.

#### **IV. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A NEW MANAGER**

1. Wadsworth Old Chicago, Inc. dba Old Chicago, 120 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

Cori C. Elam, 653 B Ignacio Street, Grand Junction, CO 81505, replaces Scott Bialkowski as manager

No one was present representing the applicant.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Kemp if this is just a manager and not a corporate officer. Ms. Kemp advised that it is just a registration of a new manager.

The application for registration of a new manager for Old Chicago was found to be in order and approved.

#### **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – October 20, 2010**