

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

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2007 9:00 a.m.

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting convened at 9:00 a.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. China City Inc., dba Grand China Restaurant, 509 28 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81501-4942, Hotel and Restaurant – Continued from December 5, 2007

This item was moved to the end of the agenda.

2. Far East Restaurant Operating Company's Inc., dba Xian Wei, 1530 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501-6421, Hotel and Restaurant

No one representing the applicant was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the City's Sales Tax Department advised that the sales tax is not in compliance. After discussion with Brian Holman, Tax Enforcement Officer, it was discovered the sales tax is out of compliance by only \$6.91 dated back to 2006 for penalties and interest. Mr. Holman advised Hearing Officer Mike Grattan that he will call Xian Wei and discuss this with the owner.

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

3. Rock Bottom Restaurant Inc., dba Old Chicago, 120 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

No one representing the applicant was present.

The application was found to be in order and approved.

4. GMRI, Inc. dba The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 2416 Hwy. 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant

No one representing the applicant was present.

The application was found to be in order and approved.

5. Bub's Field on the Horizon LLC., dba Bub's Field Sports Pub, 715 Horizon Drive, Suite 1, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Tavern

David Elliott, a member of Bub's Field on the Horizon LLC, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that Mesa County Health Department reported 3 critical violations and will re-inspect in 90 days.

City Attorney Shaver recommended approval of the application for renewal since the Health Department did not request continuance at this time.

Mr. Elliott had nothing to add but stated that he is glad they made it through the first year.

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

6. Stoner Enterprises LTD, dba Andy's Liquor Mart, 922 North 1st Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501-2240, Retail Liquor Store

No one representing the applicant was present.

The application was found to be in order and approved.

7. Diorio's Pizza LLC., dba Diorio's on Horizon, 759 Horizon Drive, #N, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Beer and Wine

No one representing the applicant was present.

The application was found to be in order and approved.

III. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH TASTING PERMIT

1. JEMSKT, Inc. dba Country Club Liquors, 683 Horizon Drive, #105, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Retail Liquor Store

Francis Denton, one of the owners of JEMSKT, Inc. was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the applicant did disclose and provided a letter of explanation on a stipulation that was issued by State Liquor Enforcement for a sale to a minor. Ms Kemp also stated that the Police Department also reported that violation.

Mr. Denton explained his action due to the "sting" and advised that since that time, there had been another "sting" conducted and they had passed.

City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Denton if he would be conducting tastings at the liquor store. Mr. Denton said he would not, because his certification had expired, but he has three other employees that will be conducting the tastings that are currently certified and they were listed on the application for the tasting permit. Ms. Kemp confirmed that Mr. Denton did list three other employees on his tasting permit application.

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

IV. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH LATE FILING

1. The Tennis Center at Grand Junction, LLC, dba The Tennis Center at Grand Junction, 535 25 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Tavern (filed 44 days late)

Kimberly Bridge, owner of The Tennis Center at Grand Junction, LLC, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the applicant did provide a letter of explanation for the late filing.

Ms. Bridge apologized for the late filing, and explained that she thought they had the business sold and she overlooked the renewal.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Bridge if the business has been sold. Ms. Bridge replied not at this time.

The application for renewal with late filing was found to be in order and approved.

V. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES

1. China City Inc., dba Grand China Restaurant, 509 28 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81501-4942, Hotel and Restaurant – Continued from December 5, 2007

Yea-Lih Yen, President of China City, Inc. was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that Mesa County Health Department has submitted a letter and stated that Grand China Restaurant had submitted a policy to control hot foods and the Health Department approved the policy.

Hearing Officer Grattan noted the letter from the Health Department dated December 14, 2007 and entered it into the record as Exhibit A (see attached).

The application was found to be in order and approved.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Hearing Officer Grattan made note of the Employee Handbook that was submitted by Steve Robertson, owner of The Corral. He found that the handbook was well written in a simple format and covered the duties and responsibilities of an employee of The Corral. He commended Mr. Robertson for the handbook and felt that it should be made available for review if other establishments were looking to put an Employee Handbook together. He did note one contradiction in the policy that Ms. Kemp pointed out. In one section of the handbook, it stated that bartenders are not allowed to drink while on shift, and in another section of the handbook it stated that all employees are provided with a shift drink.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – January 2, 2008



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December 14, 2006

City of Grand Junction
250 North 5th Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Attn: Debbie Kemp, City Clerk's Office

RE: New Hotel Restaurant Liquor License
China City, Inc., dba **Grand China Restaurant**
509 28 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Dear Debbie:

A routine inspection was conducted on November 16, 2007. The following three critical violations were observed.

- 2c - Food handlers were observed taking out trash and returning to the food prep line without washing hands.
- 3c - Several food items on buffet were observed with an internal temperature below 135°F.
- 3e - Several cold foods stored throughout kitchen were above 41°F.
- 5d - Mop water appears to have been repeatedly discharged out the back door; evidence is visible on concrete.
- 6b - The only hand sink in the kitchen area was blocked by a cutting board and flat of eggs.
- 8a - A gallon of sterno labeled combustible was stored adjacent to tea bags and clean plates.

A follow-up inspection was conducted on December 6, 2007. Only the hot hold violation (3c) was noted again. A policy to use time to control hot food on the buffet was discussed with the owner and approved.

Please contact me at 248-6962 if you have any questions regarding this information or if you would like copies of the inspection reports.

Sincerely,

Monique Mull
Environmental Health Specialist