

MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMMISSION

June 10, 2014

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of David and Vicki Vela to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their July 12, 2014, wedding reception to be held at the Lake Bloomington Davis Lodge. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk; and David Vela, husband and requestor's representative.

Commissioner Renner opened the Public Comment section of the meeting. No one came forward to address the Commission.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and requested that the requestor's representative address this request. David Vela, husband, addressed the Commission. Mr. Vela stated that the wedding reception was scheduled for July 12, 2014 at the Lake Bloomington Davis Lodge. The plan included seventy-five to a hundred (75 – 100) guests. Mr. Vela added A Renee, located at 306 N. Center St., Suite 102, would be retained to provide liquor service, which would be limited to beer and wine only. The wedding reception would commence at 5:00 p.m. and would end at 11:00 p.m. Quiet hours begin at 10:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the request of David and Vicki Vela to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at the Lake Bloomington Davis Lodge for their July 12, 2014 wedding reception be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's June 23, 2014 Consent Agenda. He encouraged Mr. Vela to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:06 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Dan Grant and Susan Albee to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their August 15, 2014, wedding reception to be held at the Lake Bloomington Davis Lodge. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk, and Dan Grant, groom and requestor's representative.

Commissioner Tompkins opened the liquor hearing and requested that the requestor's representatives address this request. Dan Grant, groom, addressed the Commission. The wedding ceremony and reception would commence at 6:00 p.m. The wedding ceremony and

reception would be held at the Lake Bloomington Davis Lodge on August 15, 2014. He anticipated 100 guests. Western Tap located at 1301 N. Western Ave. would provide beverage services. He noted that liquor service would be limited to beer and wine only. Quite hours at the Davis Lodge commence at 10:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Tompkins that the request of Dan Grant and Susan Albee to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at the Lake Bloomington Davis Lodge for their August 15, 2014 reception be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Tompkins stated that this item would appear on the Council's July 14, 2014 Consent Agenda. He encouraged Mr. Grant to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:08 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of James Brosher and Barbara Harrington to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their May 30, 2015, wedding reception to be held at the Lake Bloomington Davis Lodge. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that no one was present to address this request.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the request of James Brosher and Barbara Harrington be laid over until the Commission's July 8, 2014 meeting.

Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:09 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the application by Red Lobster Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a Red Lobster #0130, located at 714 Eldorado Rd., for an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins, and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk, and Ashley Fleming, Store Manager and Harlan Powell, Webster Powell PC, legal counsel and Applicant's representatives.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this application involved a change of corporation from GMRI, Inc. to Red Lobster Hospitality, LLC. Commissioner Renner requested that the Applicant's representative address this application.

Harlan Powell, Webster Powell PC, legal counsel and Applicant representative, addressed the Commission. This application represented the first part of a two (2) part transaction. Darden owned a number of brands. Darden which owned GMRI, Inc. was transferring its Red Lobster holdings to Red Lobster Hospitality, LLC. Once these transactions were completed Red Lobster Holdings, LLC would be sold to Golden Gate. Golden Gate was a separate standalone entity.

Commissioner Renner questioned business operations. Ashley Fleming, Store Manager and Applicant representative, addressed the Commission. She stated that it would be business as usual.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, noted that Mr. Powell labeled this application as the first part of a two (2) part transaction. Mr. Powell noted that Webster Powell's role was to effectuate this application (i.e. from GMRI, Inc. to Red Lobster Hospitality, LLC). All of the existing Red Lobster restaurants must be held by Red Lobster Hospitality, LLC. Upon completion of these transactions, Golden Gate Partners will purchase Red Lobster Hospitality, LLC.

Mr. Boyle informed Mr. Powell that Golden Gate Partners would have to apply for a liquor license. Mr. Powell acknowledged same. He anticipated another appearance before the Commission in the near future.

Commissioner Jordan questioned if there were any legal issues. He noted that this would involve a second transaction.

Mr. Powell restated that the first step was for the current license to GMRI, Inc. to be inactivated. He hoped that the Commission and Council would agree to grant a new liquor license to Red Lobster Hospitality, LLC. He restated that once all of the Red Lobster restaurants were transferred to Red Lobster Hospitality, LLC, then Golden Gate would purchase Red Lobster Hospitality, LLC. The goal was to complete the work in the next sixty to ninety (60 – 90) days.

Commissioner Jordan questioned BASSET training. He also questioned if the new ownership would bring any changes/new ideas.

Ms. Fleming restated that it would be status quo at the restaurant. Mr. Powell added that Red Lobster would retain existing management, staff and menu. There would be no change visible to the public.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend to the City Council that an RAS liquor license for Red Lobster Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a Red Lobster #0130, located at 714 Eldorado Rd., be created contingent upon compliance with all health safety codes.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Tompkins completed Red Lobster for the thorough and complete application.

Commissioner Renner informed Mr. Powell and Ms. Fleming that this application would appear on the Council's June 23, 2014 meeting agenda. He encouraged them to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:13 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the application of LSF5 Cowboy Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon, (LSSS), located at 903 IAA Dr., currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins, and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk, and Michal Johnson, Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon's General Manager and Applicant's representative.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this request involved a change of corporate ownership. Currently, Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon of Springfield, Inc., d/b/a LSSS, holds the RAS, (Restaurant, All types of alcohol, Sunday sales), liquor license. This application involved a corporate consolidation. The corporate officers would remain the same. He requested that the Applicant's representative addressed the Commission. Michael Johnson, LSSS's General Manager, addressed the Commission. He informed the Commission that there would be no changes to the day to day operations at Lone Star. The real estate had been sold to Spirit Master Funding IV, LLC, (SMF IV), and the current license holder underwent corporate consolidation. LSF5 Cowboy Holdings, LLC had entered into a lease with SMF IV.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, informed the Commission that LSF5 Cowboy Holdings must place a fully executed lease on file prior to a liquor license being issued. Commissioner Renner informed Mr. Johnson that a fully executed copy of the lease was needed. *(Fully executed copy of the lease is on file in the City Clerk's Office.)*

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend to the City Council that an RAS liquor license for LSF5 Cowboy Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon, located at 903 IAA Dr., be created contingent upon compliance with all health safety codes.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's July 14, 2014 Consent Agenda. He encouraged Mr. Johnson to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:16 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the application by GKC Theatres, Inc., d/b/a Carmike Palace Cinema 10, located at 415 Detroit Dr., for an EAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins, and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst.

Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk, and Rob Lehman, Carmike Cinemas, Inc.'s Vice President of Concessions, and Harlan Powell, Webster Powell PC, legal counsel and Applicant's representatives.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and requested that the Applicant address this application. Harlan Powell, Webster Powell PC, legal counsel and Applicant representative, addressed the Commission. He introduced Rob Lehman, Carmike Cinemas, Inc.'s Vice President of Concessions. Mr. Powell informed the Commission that GKC was adopting a new business model. The Palace Cinema opened in 1999. The plan was to build a restaurant inside of the facility. Each theater would also be treated as a restaurant.

Rob Lehman, Carmike's Cinemas, Inc.'s Vice President of Concessions and Applicant representative, addressed the Commission. He informed them that there would be a bar area inside the building. Movie patrons could be served in the lobby bar or in the theater. Palace Cinema would continue to offer standard concessions. Mr. Lehman restated that there would be a restaurant with a bar in the lobby. Individuals would have the option of patronizing the restaurant and/or taking in a movie.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned if alcohol would be allowed in all theaters regardless of the movie's rating. Mr. Lehman responded affirmatively. There would be a manager on duty and ushers assigned to each theater.

Mayor Renner informed the Commission that this application had been discussed at the Mayoral Open House held on Friday, June 6, 2014.

Mr. Lehman informed the Commission that the AMC theater chain has been offering this level of service in its theaters across the United States. Palace represented GKC's first attempt at a dine in movie theater. Alcohol sales would be limited to single sales only.

Commissioner Jordan questioned control and underage consumption. Mr. Lehman cited lighting levels which would be above the current lighting level in movie theaters. He cited that food service would also be available. The theater manager and ushers would periodically sweep the theaters.

Commissioner Renner questioned AMC's model. Mr. Lehman affirmed that it was the dine in theater concept. Seating would be assigned. The theaters would be set up for dining. There would be table service in the theater.

Commissioner Jordan questioned staffing levels and seating capacity. Mr. Lehman noted that the seating capacity would be reduced by fifty percent (50%). The total capacity for the entire facility would be 750 seats.

Commissioner Jordan questioned seating capacity per theater. Mr. Lehman stated 104 seats on the high end and forty-eight (48) seats on the low end.

Commissioner Renner restated that the current seating capacity would be reduced by fifty percent (50%). Mr. Lehman responded affirmatively. There would be tables and larger seating.

Commissioner Jordan questioned staffing levels. Mr. Lehman noted two to three (2 – 3) ushers per theater. There would also be a button to push for table service.

Commissioner Jordan questioned if the intention was to offer beer and wine only or all types of alcohol. Mr. Lehman stated all types of alcohol.

Commissioner Jordan cited past issues regarding an application for a liquor license at another movie theater. He questioned Council's reaction/opinion to liquor service in a movie theater. He expressed his concerns regarding consumption: monitoring, underage and/or over serving.

Mr. Powell readdressed the Commission. There would be customer/employee contact in the theater. There would be activity between the customers and theater staff. GKC understood that all patrons would not choose to dine in. In addition, all patrons would not order an alcoholic beverage. Individuals would enter the theater, purchase a ticket, select a seat, and order their food and/or beverage. There would be a master seating chart. The Palace Cinema's staff would know who order alcohol and where in the theater the alcohol should be. Identification would be checked. Movie goers who ordered alcohol would be given a wrist band. There would be a number of checks and balances.

Commissioner Jordan noted that in concept it sounded great. Some might welcome this business model to the community. For him the issue was control. He withheld an opinion citing the Council's past actions. He noted that Council's past concerns regarding the consumption of alcohol in a movie theater. He understood that there would also be a restaurant in the building so some liquor consumption would be independent of movie viewing.

Mr. Powell informed the Commission that GKC was pursuing this business model as a means of recapturing the family evening out. Consumers have been staying home to watch movies. Parents drop their children off at the movie theater. Adults could choose to dine in while their children take in a movie or it could be a family movie viewing event. GKC was responding to the changing demographics.

Commissioner Jordan questioned if GKC had selected an "R", Restaurant, license classification. George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. GKC had applied for an "E", Entertainment, liquor license.

Commissioner Renner noted that the primary revenue stream would be ticket sales.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned internal security, (hiring back City Police Patrol Officers). Mr. Powell welcomed the Commission's feedback. GKC's goal was a hundred percent (100%) compliance. He noted the investment in the facility. The business needed to be successful. He added that the ovation dining concept had been successfully rolled out in the states of California and Florida. He did not have specific answers at this time.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned beverage service. Mr. Powell noted that the glassware for alcoholic beverages would be unique. Food would also be served on glass.

Commissioner Renner informed Mr. Powell that this application would be placed on the Council's Regular Agenda. Mr. Powell would need to attend same.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend to the City Council that an EAS liquor license for GKC Theaters, Inc., d/b/a Carmike Palace Cinemas 10, located at 415 Detroit Dr., be created contingent upon compliance with all health safety codes.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Mr. Powell requested that this application appear on the Council's June 23, 2014 meeting agenda.

Commissioner Renner informed Mr. Powell and Mr. Lehman that this application would appear on the Council's June 23, 2014 meeting on the regular agenda. He encouraged them to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:34 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the application of Smith Family Enterprises, Ltd., d/b/a The Lincoln Springs Center, located at 1611 S. Morrissey Dr., Unit 1, requesting an EAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins, and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk, and Stacy and Leslie Smith, owner/operators and Applicant's representatives.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and requested that the Applicant's representative addressed the Commission. Leslie Smith, owner/operator and Applicant's representative, addressed the Commission. He informed the Commission that the Lincoln Springs Center was located in the former OTB (Off Track Betting) facility. The Center obtained occupancy in February 2014. It was a room rental facility. The Center was a family business. Stacy Smith, his daughter, showed the space which was rented for parties. The plan was to obtain a liquor license.

Mayor Renner addressed the "E", Entertainment, liquor license. He noted the percentage of alcohol sales allowed, (forty percent/40%), under this liquor license classification. Mr. Smith responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Tompkins addressed the Emergency Contact sheet. He noted that only one (1) person had been listed. He also questioned the number of employees at the Center. Mr. Smith restated that the Center was family owned and operated. The goal was to eventually hire five (5) bartenders. The Center was showed by appointment.

Commissioner Tompkins noted that the Applicant believed that there would be 1,000 individuals visiting the Center per month. The Center would be operating a bar. He expressed his concern regarding self service. He also questioned BASSET (Beverage Alcohol Servers and Sellers Education & Training), certification.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that the business plan included hiring a full time manager. There would be security staff on duty for larger events, such as weddings. The Center would not provide food and/or entertainment. The bar would be properly staffed.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned if alcohol would be stored on premise. Mr. Smith responded affirmatively. It would be kept in locked cabinets.

Stacy Smith, owner/operator and Applicant's representative, addressed the Commission. She stated that there would be a security system.

Commissioner Jordan noted the Smith's intention to lease the facility. There needed to be a responsible manager. The Center planned to host parties and would be responsible for security. Mr. Smith restated that for larger events with liquor service appropriate security measures would be applied.

Commissioner Jordan questioned an event with a hundred (100) attendees and event hours. Mr. Smith cited wedding receptions which could be held from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and/or high school reunions which could be held from 7:00 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. The times and number of guests would vary by event.

Commissioner Jordan cited a mixed age group event and how the Applicant planned to manage the bar service. Mr. Smith stated that the bartender would check the individual's identification. In addition, there would be a manager and security staff. Any concerns would be addressed.

Commissioner Jordan questioned a large mixed age group event and how the Applicant planned to distinguish individuals over the age of twenty-one (21). Mr. Smith cited the manager and bar staff would be responsible for same.

Mayor Renner addressed the role of the licensee.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Council. He noted that in the past the Center had retained an out of town caterer. He questioned if the Center had also used in town caterers.

Mr. Smith stated that the Center was available for rentals. There were events with live music and these events offered an entertainment atmosphere. Wrist bands and other security measures would be utilized. The majority of interest shown in the Center was for wedding receptions.

Commissioner Jordan noted that generally a caterer was retained to provide food and beverage service.

Ms. Smith stated that her family was life long residents. She cited the investment in the facility. The focus would be on facility rentals. The plan was for the Center to become a high end facility. Events would be hosted with trained bartenders. Security would be in place to insure safe events.

Mayor Renner readdressed BASSET training and BASSET certified staff.

Commissioner Tompkins addressed the responsibility of a liquor license holder. He cited potential liability and exposure. He questioned the Applicant's business model. He also questioned the Applicants familiarity with state liquor laws and the City's Alcoholic Beverage Code. He also cited his concern regarding adequate staffing.

Mr. Smith noted that the Center would be selective regarding the events hosted. They would meet with potential rentals and question the room's use.

Commissioner Tompkins noted that the Smiths plan to interview potential rentals. He questioned if the Center would host DJ parties. He also questioned the number of guests and the Smiths' plans if there was an overflow crowd.

Mr. Smith noted that rental decisions were discretionary. There would be proper staffing. The Center would increase staff numbers to meet business demands. The Center had assistance in the community, (i.e. current businesses that held restaurant and/or tavern liquor licenses).

Mr. Boyle questioned the cost to rent the facility. Mr. Smith cited \$2,750 for Saturday nights.

Mr. Boyle expressed his concern regarding the required percentage of non alcohol sales, (i.e. sixty percent/60%). He also cited other separate issues. He noted outstanding code issues and notifications issued by the City's PACE, (Planning and Code Enforcement), Department.

Mr. Smith expressed his belief that all issues would be addressed by the week's end. He noted the Fire Inspector's occupancy. The Center would offer five (5) different seating plans. The rental would select the room arrangement.

Mr. Boyle questioned sprinklers. Mr. Smith responded affirmatively.

Mr. Boyle questioned if the door had been ordered. Mr. Smith responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned if the Applicant planned to apply for a video gaming permit with the State of Illinois. Mr. Smith responded negatively.

Commissioner Jordan questioned the maximum occupancy. Mr. Smith stated with seating 315.

Commissioner Jordan stated that a DJ dance would be able to host 250 plus people. Mr. Smith responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned if City staff had any concerns and/or issues with this application. Mr. Boyle noted that the Commission had a number of factors to consider, (Chapter 6. Alcoholic Beverages, Section 4B. Creation of New License – Findings). The Commission made a recommendation to the Council.

Commissioner Tompkins expressed his belief that if the Commission's recommendation was denial then the Application would not be forwarded on to the Council.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend to the City Council that an EAS liquor license for Smith Family Enterprises, Ltd., d/b/a The Lincoln Springs Center, located at 1611 Morrissey Dr., Unit 1, be created contingent upon compliance with all health safety codes.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's July 14, 2014 Consent Agenda. He encouraged the Smiths to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:57 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the notification by Hooters of Bloomington, LLC, d/b/a Hooters, located at 409 N. Hershey Rd., currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week regarding a consolidation to HOA Restaurant Holder, LLC. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins, and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk, and Harlan Powell, Webster Powell PC, legal counsel and License holder's representative.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and requested that the License holder address this notification. Harlan Powell, Webster Powell PC, legal counsel and License holder's representative, addressed the Commission. He described this item as internal company housekeeping. Each Hooter's restaurant had been placed in a separate LLC. It had become too difficult to administer same. The plan was to place all of the Hooters restaurants under one (1) corporate umbrella, HOA Restaurant Holder, LLC. There would be no change to the general public.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned if the local management would remain the same. Mr. Powell responded affirmatively. The corporate ownership remained the same. The local Hooters would be held by a different LLC.

City staff informed the Commission that a liquor license was held by the corporate entity. This change of corporation would require the creation of a new liquor license.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend to the City Council that an RAS liquor license for HOA Restaurant Holder, LLC, d/b/a Hooters,

located at 409 N. Hershey Rd., be created contingent upon compliance with all health safety codes.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Mr. Powell requested that this application appear on the Council's June 23, 2014 meeting agenda.

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's June 23, 2014 Consent Agenda. He encouraged Mr. Powell to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:58 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the application of Queso Holdings, Inc., regarding the purchase of CEC Entertainment, Inc., d/b/a Chuck E. Cheese #345, located at 1701 E. Empire St., currently holding an RBS liquor license which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins, and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk, and Christie Raper, Chuck E. Cheese's Manager and Applicant's representative.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this request involved 1.) a change of corporate structure and 2.) a change of corporate officer. He requested that the Applicant's representative address the Commission. Christie Raper, Chuck E. Cheese's Manager, addressed the Commission. She informed the Commission that there would be no changes to the day to day operations at Chuck E. Cheese. CEC Entertainment, Inc. had been a publicly traded company. It had been purchased by Queso Holdings, Inc. which was a privately held company.

In addition, Michael Magusiak, President and Chief Executive Officer, (CEO), had retired. John R. Cardinale had been named to succeed Mr. Magusiak as President and CEO.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend to the Council approve the notification by Queso Holdings, Inc. regarding the purchase of CEC Entertainment, Inc., d/b/a Chuck E. Cheese #345, located at 1701 E. Empire St., currently holding an RBS liquor license; said purchase involved 1.) change of corporate structure and 2.) a change of corporate officer.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's July 14, 2014 Consent Agenda. He encouraged Ms. Raper to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the notification by Beningos Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Beningos, located at 610 W. Chestnut St., currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins, and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this request involved a change of corporate stockholders. The Liquor Control Commission requires that a License holder inform the municipality and obtain a letter from same stating that the municipality had been informed and the license remains in force.

Tracey Covert, City Clerk, informed the Commission that Eleanor Hayes, mother of Janet Whitworth, is deceased. Her interest in the corporation had been equally divided between Janet and William Whitworth, daughter and son-in-law.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to accept the change of corporate stockholders for Beningos Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Beningos, located at 610 W. Chestnut St., currently holding an RAS liquor license; said license remains in force.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Tracey Covert, City Clerk, informed the Commission that a letter had been provided to the Liquor Control Commission.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 5:01 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the notification by Loyal Order of Moose Bloomington Lodge 745, d/b/a Bloomington Moose #745, located at 614 IAA Dr., currently holding a CA liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins, and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this request involved the annual change of officers. The Liquor Control Commission requires that a License holder inform the municipality and obtain a letter from same stating that the municipality had been informed and the license remains in force.

Tracey Covert, City Clerk, informed the Commission that the Bloomington Moose #745 had provided a listing of the 2014 – 2015 Officers.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to accept the change of Board officers for Loyal Order of Moose Bloomington Lodge 745, d/b/a Bloomington Moose

#745, located at 614 IAA Dr., currently holding a CA liquor license; said license remains in force.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Tracey Covert, City Clerk, informed the Commission that a letter had been provided to the Liquor Control Commission.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 5:02 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the notification of payment by AMF Bowling Centers, Inc., d/b/a Circle Lanes, located at 1225 Holiday Dr., currently holding an EAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins, and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this liquor violation had been settled. The License holder paid a \$600 fine.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. This violation occurred as part of the Police Department's monthly audit. This was a first violation and the license holder was offered a \$600 settlement.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 5:03 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the notification of payment by Casey's General Stores, Inc., d/b/a Casey's General Store #1764, located at 911 Morrissey Dr., currently holding a GPBS liquor license which allows the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins, and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this liquor violation had been settled. The License holder paid a \$600 fine.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. This violation occurred as part of the Police Department's monthly audit. This was a first violation and the license holder was offered a \$600 settlement.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 5:04 p.m.

Commissioner Renner opened the discussion regarding liquor license fees. This issue had been a continued discussion item. He had instructed Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, to research same for a proposed text amendment. The Council would be considering all City fees. The

Commission would hold a public hearing and invite all liquor license holders and the Downtown Bar Owners Association. The Commission could also recommend an amount. He restated his interest in utilizing some of these dollars to power wash the Downtown. He added that there also was a role for the Downtown's restaurants. He noted the value of today's dollar compared to 1983 was \$2.31.

Commissioner Tompkins recommended that the Commission save Mr. Jurgens' time and simply change the base fee from \$1,000 to \$2,000, (see Chapter 6. Alcoholic Beverages, Section 7B. License Fees).

Commissioner Renner noted that the City had a variety of fees. He restated that the Commission could make a recommendation. He stressed his interest in a specific dollar amount being utilized for a specific purpose.

Commissioner Jordan noted that the Commission had discussed this item a number of times. It appeared that an increase to the liquor license fee had been determined to be necessary. A key issue would be implementation. He noted the burden placed upon the license holder. He recommended that any fee increase be phased in.

Commissioner Renner restated that the Council's interest went beyond liquor license fees.

Commissioner Jordan addressed the issue of video gaming.

Commissioner Renner noted that this item had not been listed on the Commission's agenda.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, concurred that there was nothing listed on the Commission's meeting agenda.

Commissioner Renner recommended that a discussion regarding video gaming be placed on the Commission July 8, 2014 meeting agenda.

Mr. Boyle questioned public notification.

Commissioner Renner did not believe that this issue was time sensitive. He cited the recent application by SOILL Restaurant Systems, LLC, d/b/a Dotty's. Video gaming would be a broader issue.

Mr. Boyle directed the Commission to Chapter 6. Alcoholic Beverages, Section 4B. Creation of a New License – Findings, (14). This item addressed video gaming.

Commissioner Renner restated that this issue would be a discussion item at the Commission's July 8, 2014 meeting. The discussion would include consistency.

Commissioner Tompkins addressed Red Lobster's application. He commented on the Record of License Suspensions listing which had been provided. He noted other communities' actions for

liquor violations. He hoped to address this issue at a future Commission meeting. He expressed his interest in license suspensions.

Commissioner Jordan noted that each community took a different point of view. The City needed to be consistent in its actions. These actions needed to be sustainable. In addition, the Commission had set a direction which avoided conflict with the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully,

Tracey Covert, CRM, CMC, RMC
City Clerk