

## LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

4:30 P.M.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Present: Dustin Goutermont

Ben Bautch

Vacancy

Jim FitzGerald

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Lana Fralich, City Administrator left 5:15 p.m.

Han Taylor- Liquor Store Manager

Dustin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion by FitzGerald, second Bautch to approve Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**Approval of the minutes** – Motion by FitzGerald, second Bautch to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

City Administrator introduced Han Taylor, new Liquor Store manager and explained the purpose of the Liquor Control Commission.

Motion by Goutermont, second FitzGerald to add Sylvia LeBlanc resignation to agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

**Communications** – None at this time.

**Manager's Report** – Taylor presented his ideas for increasing accountability regarding product and sales, including updating the pos system, and accounting for blue chips. There was discussion on the process for the blue drink chips, concerns for accounting of chips, employees and family use of chips, placing a value on the chips, having patrons pay the difference if ordering a drink with a value higher than the chip amount, and having patrons purchase chips through a vending system and not through bartenders, with chips being restocked by Manager, and timeframe to no longer accept old blue chips. There was additional discussion on potentially having a beer tap wall. Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to purchase a chip vending machine, order new chips with a value of \$4.00, imprinted with customer paying difference if drinks are over \$4.00, and work on creating a policy for employees on use of blue chips. MOTION CARRIED.

Additional discussion followed regarding Pulltabs, laws surrounding liquor store employees purchases of Pulltabs and customers leaving with Pulltabs. Better signage will be posted regarding laws of Pulltabs. There was discussion on improvements customers would like to see including purse hooks, which Bautch offered to install, purchasing larger TVs, having TVs on while bar is open, purchasing a jukebox package to allow for music to be played continuously, purchasing Live Barn to stream local games, adding more entertainment and using Lovin Lake County to help pay for entertainment. Plans are being put together for an event for Hockey Day in America.

OLD BUSINESS- None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS -

**Set 2024 Dates** – Motion by FitzGerald, second Bautch to set 2024 Liquor Control Commission meeting dates of February 14th, May 15th, August 14th, and November 13th. MOTION CARRIED.

**Part-time Hires-** Taylor would like to hire more part-time staff to fill hours. Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to submit advertising. MOTION CARRIED.

**WiFi/Data Rack Changes-** IRN is in process of changing the system, replacing wires and condensing equipment, and separating the POS system.

**2024 Budget-** Discussion regarding items to be considered in the 2024 budget includes popcorn machine, rug/couch for fireplace area, and helmet/snowmobile equipment rack.

**Reunion Hall Rental Form Changes-** Review of the updated Reunion Hall rental form. Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald approving updates. MOTION CARRIED.

**Board Vacancies-** The Board has two openings and board members are encouraged to reach out to public to fill vacancies.

**Sylvia LeBlanc Resignation-** Sylvia LeBlanc has moved outside of city limits and is unable to serve on the Liquor Control Commission. Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to accept Sylvia LeBlanc's resignation with regrets. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to adjourn at 5:29 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson