

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015**

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was convened by Liquor Commissioner Rogina at 4:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Liquor Commissioner Rogina, Robert Gehm, and Chuck Amenta

Absent: Ald. Payleitner and Lewis

Others Present: Police Chief Keegan, Atty. John McGuirk, Mark Koenen, Tina Nilles

3. Motion to accept and approve the minutes of the of the November 16, 2015 Special Liquor Control Commission meeting.

Motion by Mr. Amenta, second by Mr. Gehm to accept and approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 Special Liquor Control Commission meeting.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Rogina did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

4. Recommendation to approve a proposal for a massage establishment license for EC Salons, Inc, d/b/a Eddie Caruso Salon located at 2400 E Main Street, St. Charles.

Chief Keegan: This a recommendation to approve a proposal for a massage establish license for EC Salons, Inc, d/b/a Eddie Caruso Salon to be locate at 2400 E Main Street, St. Charles. This is a change of ownership to this business and Mr. Chris Cesario would like to expand his business as a massage establishment to offer massages by a licensed masseuse. Background investigations were conducted by the Police Department of the applicant as well as a site location inspection and we did not find anything of a derogatory nature that would preclude the site location or applicant pursuing a license. Mr. Cesario is here tonight to answer any questions you may have.

Mr. Gehm: Where are you with your remodeling work?

Chris Cesario, 2400 E Main Street, St. Charles: Remodeling is complete.

Mr. Amenta: No questions, everything appears to be in good order.

Motion by Mr. Amenta, second by Mr. Gehm to recommend approval of a proposal for a massage establishment license for EC Salons, Inc, d/b/a Eddie Caruso Salon located at 2400 E Main Street, St. Charles..

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Rogina did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

5. Recommendation to approve a proposal for Onesti Entertainment Corp for a new class B liquor license for Club Arcada to be located on the 3rd floor of 105 E Main Street.

Chief Keegan: This is a request for an expansion of an existing license model, but after closer inspection of our city code found that a separate license is required to be in compliance with our code. Onesti Entertainment is a well run and established business. Application has been processed and approved by the Police Department but further compliance of building code will be guided by the Fire Department.

Chrmn. Rogina: I, as well, have good comments of the Arcada Theatre and the entertainment it brings to our city. After this evening the next step will be to go before the January 4, 2016 Government Operations Committee and then onto the January 19 City Council for final approval. Your license will be handed out only after by review of inspection and granting of an occupancy permit.

Ron Onesti, 105 E Main Street, St. Charles: I have a question as to how the late night permit works with a B license.

Tina: A B license cost is \$1,200 which allows serving alcohol until midnight. If you want to go beyond that time limit you can apply for a 1:00 a.m. late night permit for an additional cost of \$800 which totals \$2,000. If you want to stay open until 2:00 a.m. there is a late night 2:00 a.m. permit for an additional cost of \$2,300 which totals \$3,500.

Ron: Would that be an additional \$2,300 to the already \$2,000 to stay open until 2:00 a.m.?

Tina: No, base cost for a standard B license that stays open until midnight is \$1,200. Based on which type of late night permit you want you would add \$800 to the \$1,200 for a total of \$2,000 to stay open until 1:00 a.m.; or you would add \$2,300 to the \$1,200 for a total of \$3,500 to stay open until 2:00 a.m.

Ron: And if I would like to change to a 2:00 a.m. permit after I already paid for a 1:00 a.m. permit how does the cost factor?

Tina: The City would subtract the already paid \$800 for the 1:00 a.m. permit from the cost of a 2:00 a.m. permit of \$2,300 and you would pay that additional difference. But if you change your decision to upgrade your late night permit after the beginning of a new fiscal year which runs

May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016, you would then pay the total cost of a 2:00 a.m. late night permit.

Ron: Understood, I will go with the 1:00 a.m. permit request for now.

Chrmn Rogina: I have a question unrelated to you liquor license request; how is the AC working on the 3rd floor?

Ron: It works. There is duct work in place as a dance studio previously occupied this space.

Mr. Amenta: I applaud you for keeping the Arcada as the gem of the City. How is the entrance configuration to the 3rd floor?

Ron: You can go through the common area of the lobby and use the elevator and it's also accessible by stairs even if the theatre itself is closed.

Mr. Gehm: I only have positive comments on the theatre.

Chrmn. Rogina: What will be your hours of operation for Club Arcada?

Ron: In the beginning I will start off with Wednesdays through Saturday. I would like it to have the feel of Roaring Twenties with flapper-girl floor shows, period music, comedy, jazz and blues. It would be a 21 years of age and older facility with a full bar as well.

Chrmn. Rogina: Would both the theatre and the Club Arcada be open at the same time?

Ron: Yes, people could come to the Club Arcada for drinks and hor'douerves before the show, vacate the premises for the theatre performance and then go back upstairs after the show.

Chief Keegan: I would also like to note that the Arcada Theatre operates under a D5 liquor license which already allows them to stay open until 2:00 a.m. unlike the B license Mr. Onesti is applying for with a 1:00 a.m. late night permit. There will have to be some attention given to this.

Roll Call: Ayes: Gehm, Rogina, Amenta; Nays: None. **Motion Carried.**

6. Recommendation to approve a proposal for a class B liquor license for Title House to be located at 101 E Main Street, St. Charles (former Starbucks location).

Chief Keegan: This is a request for a class B liquor license for a new business Title House to be located at 101 E Main Street, St. Charles (former Starbucks location). They are not requesting a late night permit. Application is all in order and has been processed and approved by the Police Department. We found nothing of a derogatory nature that would preclude either the site location or the applicant from moving forward subject to City Council approval.

Chrmn. Rogina: I complement you on submitting a very thorough proposal. I understand Neal Johnson, realtor, is working with you and you want to ensure you are approved for a liquor license before moving forward with any changes to the kitchen area of your plan?

Marianna Ridenour, 101 E Main Street, St. Charles: That is correct.

Mr. Amenta: I have no questions.

Mr. Gehm: Will the layout of the site plan change much?

Marianna: No, being on a corner frontage there is already a lot of visibility.

Chrmn. Rogina: On page 5 of your business plan you make reference to outdoor sidewalk café tables in the summer. Just as a point of reference, staff checked it out, there is no allowance on state highways for alcohol consumption outside, but dining is permitted.

This license will now go before the January 4, 2016 Government Operations Committee for further review.

Roll Call: Ayes: Gehm, Rogina, Amenta; Nays: None. **Motion Carried.**

7. Other Business

Chief Keegan: I just wanted to mention that Mr. Lee Roupas will be hosting another overview seminar here at St. Charles for our liquor license holders on January 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. here in the Council Chambers before our next Liquor Control Commission meeting. Tina will be sending out notices with the annual license renewals.

8. Public Comments – none.

9. Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(4)).

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Gehm, second by Mr. Amenta at 4:56 p.m.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: none. **Motion carried.**