

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

**1. Opening of Meeting**

The meeting was convened by Chairman Stellato at 7:17 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Vice-Chair Payleitner, Ald. Silkaitis, Lemke, Turner, Bancroft, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis.

**Absent:** Ald. Stellato

**3. Omnibus Vote**

**a. Budget Revisions – January, 2016**

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Silkaitis to approve the omnibus item.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None; Absent: Stellato. Vice-Chair Payleitner did not vote as Vice Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Police Department**

**a. Recommendation to approve a proposal for a class F-1 BYOB liquor license for Liu Brothers Bistro located at 1554 E Main Street, St. Charles.**

**Chief Keegan:** This is a recommendation to approve a proposal for a class F-1 BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage) license for Liu Brothers Bistro located at 1554 E Main Street, St. Charles. Mr. Kai Yin Cheung is here tonight. This is an existing business that was recently sold to Mr. Cheung. The previous owner had function with a BYOB F-1 which is a license for wine and beer where you can bring in wine and beer stipulated by ordinance to enjoy a meal. It was a very successful business and this gentleman just recently purchased this and wants to continue with the same business model. We took this in front of the Liquor Commission earlier this evening and the applicant was not there so there might be some outlying questions for the committee. All the associated paper work, application material, background are in order.

**Mr. Kai Yin Cheung, 226 Prescott Avenue, Elgin.**

**Vice Chair Payleitner:** Thank you for coming this evening. Any questions?

**Ald. Lewis:** There was a question that was presented at the Liquor Commission and that was your statement that you do plan to run this business in the same manner as the former owner. The question was did you know the owner or worked there?

**Mr. Cheung:** We did not know the owner before we purchased the business, but we negotiated a deal for a couple of weeks. I did not work there previously.

**Vice Chair Payleitner:** I had that question at Liquor Commission because your plan is to keep it running the same as the previous owner. So you're aware of what that entails?

**Mr. Cheung:** Yes.

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Silkaitis to recommend approval of a proposal for a class F-1 BYOB liquor license for Liu Brothers Bistro located at 1554 E Main Street, St. Charles.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Lewis, Silkaitis, Lemke, Turner, Bancroft, Gaugel, Bessner; Nays: Krieger; Absent: Stellato. Vice-Chair Payleitner did not vote as Vice Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

**b. Recommendation to approve a proposal for a class B liquor license for Brown's Chicken located at 1910 Rt. 38, St. Charles.**

**Chief Keegan:** This is a recommendation to approve a proposal for a class B liquor license for Brown's Chicken located at 1910 Rt. 38 – Lincoln Highway, St. Charles. Noel Esbjorn is the business owner and Brown's Chicken has currently been run by this business owner for the last three years. Noel would like to expand his business model to offer wine and beer for consumption on site. He also would like to introduce TVs giving more of a dine-in experience to supplement his existing business model. He is looking down the road to do some future expansion to include video gaming. He did appear in front of the Liquor Commission earlier this evening. His application material is in order and we conducted a site visit, BASSET and Dram Shop insurance is in place.

**Mr. Noel Esbjorn, 1910 Lincoln Highway, St. Charles.**

**Ald. Lewis:** At the Liquor Commission you did state, it wasn't in your business plan, but you were asked how you were going to serve the liquor and you said bottled beer and bottle wine. You aren't going to be pouring?

**Mr. Esbjorn:** No, we will not be pouring.

**Ald. Lewis:** Would you include that statement in your business plan before it comes to Council because it's currently not stated.

**Mr. Esbjorn:** Yes, it will be served in bottles; there will not be any pouring.

**Ald. Turner:** How many seats do you plan to have?

**Mr. Esbjorn:** There are 52 right now and am planning on redoing the lobby to add extra seating and TVs, and clean the place up.

**Vice Chair Payleitner:** Of course any expansion you do will be permitted as part of that process as well?

**Mr. Esbjorn:** Yes, it has been a process for the last 3-1/2 years. I had to fix quite a bit of things.

**Ald. Bancroft:** Are other Brown's Chicken franchises doing this same kind of thing?

**Mr. Esbjorn:** There a couple that already have liquor licenses and more that are planning on it. Years ago there were many stores that had this.

**Vice Chair Payletiner:** Any in our area?

**Mr. Esbjorn:** The one in Aurora already has one, East Dundee just got approved, Melrose Park just got approved, Oak Lawn is in the process.

**Vice Chair Payleitner:** A similar plan to what you're hoping for?

**Mr. Esbjorn:** Yes, kind of like the Wing Stop atmosphere. There's beer and wine with TVs.

Motion by Ald. Gaugel, second by Bancroft to recommend approval of a proposal for a class B liquor license for Brown's Chicken located at 1910 Rt. 38, St. Charles.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Silkaitis, Lemke, Bancroft, Gaugel, Bessner; Nays: Lewis, Turner, Krieger; Absent: Stellato. Vice-Chair Payleitner did not vote as Vice Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

- c. **Recommendation to approve a proposal for a class E1 liquor license for St. Charles Breakfast Rotary Club to be held at Lincoln Park, St. Charles on June 25 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.**

**Chief Keegan:** This is a recommendation to approve a proposal for a class E1 liquor license for St. Charles Breakfast Rotary Club to be held at Lincoln Park, St. Charles on June 25 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. There is going to be a modification to this and be amended if the committee advances this forward to 5:00 p.m. – it will be a 5-hour window.

The Breakfast Rotary Club is partner with Brew Avenue Events to host a 1-day TriCities Brew Fest. This is an event where the Rotary Club is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and would like to host a craft tasting of beers for the 5-hour window. In laymen terms they are going to advertise in advance and try to have most of the sales done in advance. It's a \$45 purchase price through advance sales and \$50 at the door. They want to cordon off the entire area of Lincoln Park and participants would be vetted through a screening process where they would be credentialed with wristbands, be given a lanyard which will have a punch pass. That punch pass incorporates 18 beer testing samples that they are allowed to consume with a 3-ounce glass. Once they go booth to booth and taste some of the beers, the maximum amount they can consume in that 5-hour window is 18 3-ounce beers which equates to 54 ounces – just over four

beers. These go on frequently in the western suburbs. They've gained in popularity in suburbs such as Naperville, Wheaton; and most of the time they are partner with charitable organizations. An E1 license is allowed to be distributed to a non-for-profit. It is a 1-day liquor license and with that license there has to be food served which they'll talk about. They want to bring in a DJ and some food trucks or local restaurants and augment the craft beer experience with some food. It will be contained and controlled in Lincoln Park and folks can hopefully stay in downtown and enjoy a nice meal afterwards. Curt Baron and Alejandro Vesquez are here to answer any questions you might have.

**Curt Baron 218 Illinois Avenue, St. Charles and Alejandro Vesquez, 125 Chapin Way, Oswego, IL.** We are excited to be here with the Breakfast Rotary Club, that's one of the two clubs in town and one of the few communities in the state that has two rotary clubs. We spun off the noon club 30 years ago. We meet weekly and our service organization has both international efforts such as the eradication of Polio which is about wiped out with great effort; and local charitable causes in town as well. One of the challenges we have is raising funds to support the different efforts that we undertake. So looking for good fundraising ideas, we've seen the growth of these types of events in some of the nicer communities; of what we've seen draws an up-scaled crowd and we started working on this – this past spring; came in and talked with staff last summer and got a better sense from Mr. Vann of the multiple bases that have to be covered and realized we needed to get some more expertise on board.

The Rotary Club has contracted with an Events Management firm which is Brew Avenue Events and Alejandro Vesquez is the principle with the Event Management group and brings experience from managing events with a little dog outfit out of Naperville, Wheaton, and some others in the area. So the logistical side and interaction with the brewers – this expertise he brings. In terms of the logistics of this, we've talked both with the City staff and got feedback and a checklist of the things we need to be prepared for. We then went to see the Downtown St. Charles Partnership and got some critiquing there in things to look out for. We initially proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue thinking the City would be very familiar with the RiverFest layout in terms of evaluating the proposal. The DSCP suggested to look at Lincoln Park and would make better sense as it wouldn't require street closure and might not impact businesses so closely.

Looking at that we had heard some interest from the Park District in considering this kind of event on one of their properties. We actually came to realize that would be an ideal location at Lincoln Park and we would have fencing around the entire perimeter so it would be a contained event and safe environment for connoisseurs. This is geared at people who are going to pay a little more of a premium to have a new experience and interact with the different brewers. At these events typically a lot of brewers will have teams they send out week after week in the event season, so we'll be reaching out to brewers certainly in the Fox Valley and this region and there could be some from out of state.

We have just one point of entry with the lanyard. We proposed that we will have to pay for police coverage for security needs but one of the advantages with these events is that a lot of sales occur on line in advance, so we'll be able to get a read on what the turnout looks like and communicate that to the City as well.

Food issues – we think it’s appropriate to have some kind of food available for people while they’re sampling in the course of the afternoon. Guidance from the DSCP is that we should certainly demonstrate that we’re reaching out to the restaurants and we’ve already begun that. They also couched that with the point that a lot of restaurants may not be interested as they don’t have catering as one of the services they offer. We also understand from other events in Naperville that it’s not unusual to see a couple of food trucks there. I think we want to come back and demonstrate who we’ve gone to in town as we are certainly looking for that local element but it might be a good fit as well to complement that additionally and that’s something we look to keep inside the fencing. We understand those arrangements have to be worked through the Special Events process.

At this point the park district has reserved the park for that date and asked us to come to the City Council process to get the liquor license approval before they would make a final vote on that. We’re interested to start marketing the event. We’re looking at June 25 and that works for us but understand this is a new proposal that would be the first in the towns immediately around us, so we’re very flexible in how we could put this together.

**Vice-Chair Payleitner:** I would like share what I said at the Liquor Commission meeting that we appreciate the thoroughness of your packet and the timely manner in which you conducted the process thus far. As far as the food piece, will that be ready before it goes to Council or wait to tie that in with the Special Events.

**Curt:** I think we are going to need a little more time on this.

**Ald. Gaugel:** Getting back to the food piece, you had mention the food trucks which I think would be a good idea, but you also mentioned no road closures. I picture the Scarecrow Fest with the side streets closed off and the food vendors down the side. If you do have food trucks where would you put them without closing the roads?

**Curt:** If it was just one or two food trucks, we’re thinking we could keep them at the parking stalls across from the Italian restaurant. We’ve been in contact with them regarding this event and are thinking if we could coral a couple of the parking stalls we could run the fence line behind the building but we’re flexible on how we would do that.

Motion by Bancroft, second by Turner to recommend approval of a proposal for a class E1 liquor license for St. Charles Breakfast Rotary Club to be held at Lincoln Park, St. Charles on June 25 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Lewis, Silkaitis, Lemke, Turner, Bancroft, Gaugel, Bessner; Nays: Krieger; Absent: Stellato. Vice-Chair Payleitner did not vote as Vice Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

## 5. Inventory Control Division

- a. **Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Ford F-150 to**

**Zimmerman Ford and Sell Replaced 2010 Ford F-150 Vehicle #1767.**

**Mike Shortall:** On behalf of the Environmental Services Division I'm seeking approval to purchase a 2016 Ford F-150 4x4 pickup from a local vendor, low quote, Zimmerman Ford. This vehicle has passed budget and the Fleet Committee. Additionally I'm also seeking approval to sell the replacement vehicle #1767 via the City's online auction service, publicservice.com.

**Ald. Lemke:** How long does it typically take to dispose of the planned dispose vehicle?

**Mike:** We wait for approval and depending on the season; right now we're really hitting it hard and just sold the last couple of weeks 3 or 4 vehicles.

Motion by Ald. Krieger, second by Bancroft to recommend approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Ford F-150 to Zimmerman Ford and Sell Replaced 2010 Ford F-150 Vehicle #1767.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Lewis, Lemke, Turner, Bancroft, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner; Nays: None; Abstained: Silkaitis; Absent: Stellato. Vice-Chair Payleitner did not vote as Vice Chairman.

**Motion Carried.**

**b. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Items or Personal Property Owned by the City of St. Charles (Miscellaneous).**

**Mike Shortall:** I'm seeking approval to sell the listed items of city owned personal property. These items include a vehicle and equipment to be sold via the publicsurplus.com – our city online auction service.

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Bessner to recommend approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Items or Personal Property Owned by the City of St. Charles (Miscellaneous).

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Vice-Chair Payleitner did not vote as Vice Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

**6. Executive Session – None.**

- Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Pending Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4)
- Probable or Imminent Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4)
- Property Acquisition 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)
- Collective Bargaining 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Review of Minutes of Executive Sessions 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(14)

**7. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff or Citizens.**

**8. Adjournment**

Motion by Ald. Krieger, second by Lemke to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Vice-Chair Payleitner did not vote as Vice Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

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