

City of Monroe
License Committee Minutes
June 07, 2016

A. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Thoman called the meeting to order. Present at roll call were Alderpersons Thoman, Boyce, Beer, and Alt. Alderperson Miller. Also present were Mayor Armstrong and other city staff & alderpersons.

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES

None

C. BUSINESS

1. SIDEWALK CAFÉ PERMIT APPLICATION FOR LITTLE MAYA AUTHENTIC MEXICAN RESTAURANT, INC.

City Clerk Stamm explained that they have met all the requirements. Questions and discussion took place. City Clerk Stamm explained that the liquor license will need to be amended as well to include the sidewalk café as part of their licensed premises. Motion to approve made by Alderperson Boyce and seconded by Alderperson Beer. Discussion took place regarding the appearance and size of the picnic tables. Questions arose whether the vote had been taken. Chairperson Thoman then called for the official vote. The motion carried.

2. TEMPORARY CLASS "B"/"CLASS B" ALCOHOL BEVERAGE RETAIL LICENSES SET UP AS OUTDOOR BEER GARDENS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAIN STREET MONROE'S CONCERTS ON THE SQUARE

*Main Street Monroe Inc. wine on July 8

*Main Street Monroe Inc. beer only on June 10,24, July 8, 28, August 12, 25

*Main Street Monroe Inc. 2nd beer garden on June 24

*Knights of Columbus wine on August 12 & 25

City Clerk Stamm explained. Questions and discussion took place. Motion made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Boyce to approve. Chairperson Thoman questioned if there are different rules for wine and beer. City Clerk Stamm explained that minors can't be allowed in the wine sales premises area unless with a parent or guardian. The applicants can request and the council can approve minors to be allowed on beer sales premises. Main Street has requested minors to be allowed in the beer gardens. On voice vote, the motion carried.

3. DISCUSS LOCAL ORDINANCE REGARDING CLASS "B" RESTAURANT FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO REPEAL "RESTAURANT" REQUIREMENT

City Clerk Stamm explained. The Monroe Arts Center is looking to acquire a liquor license under an exception in the state statutes for performing arts center run by non-profits, but they first need a fermented malt beverage license from the city, but under local ordinance, they would not qualify because they do not meet the definition of "restaurant" in the city code that is a local requirement in order to receive a fermented malt beverage license. The restaurant special requirements were put in by the city and are not state mandated. The city can draft an ordinance to repeal the special "restaurant" requirements. Bob Duxstad spoke on behalf of the Monroe Arts Center. He suggested making an exception for non-profits. Questions and discussion took place. Alder Boyce motioned to approve the expansion of the ordinance to remove the restaurant qualifications. More discussion ensued. Clerk Stamm suggested

removing all the restaurant restrictions as the Council has great discretion in granting new licenses, so removing the restrictions would not open everything wide up and there is still a quota. Alder Beer seconded the original motion by Alder Boyce. Motion carried.

D. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS

none

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Boyce to adjourn. Motion carried.

Carol J. Stamm, CMC/WCMC
City Clerk/Director of General Government