

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ALCOHOL, GAMBLING & TOBACCO COMMISSION**

October 7, 2015

The regular meeting of the Alcohol, Gambling & Tobacco Commission was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, at 4:45 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, 3rd Floor, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Dennis Birchland, Bjorn Braaten, Jeff Rosenthal,  
Chris Pekkala, President Stauber - 5  
Absent: Bryn Pollard, Adam Wisocki - 2

The minutes of the August 5 and September 2, 2015, Alcohol, Gambling and Tobacco Commission meetings were unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NORTHERN WATERS SMOKEHAUS, INC (NORTHERN WATERS), 1608 WOODLAND AVENUE** - APPLICATION FOR AN ON SALE WINE LICENSE AND ON SALE 3.2 PERCENT MALT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016, AND APRIL 30, 2016, RESPECTIVELY, WITH ERIC GOERDT, PRESIDENT AND 75% OWNER, AND LYNN GOERDT, 25% OWNER.

Erick Goerdts was present on behalf of the application. Mr. Goerdts reviewed that he has been operating a restaurant for 15 years in Canal Park and is looking to expand and open a new restaurant in the Mt. Royal Center. He continued saying that the restaurant will feature his smokehouse products and add beer and wine to the menu. To questioning from the commission, Mr. Goerdts replied that he has hired a bar manager with a lot of experience that will be able to adequately train the staff. Officer Vang stated that the police department conducts alcohol compliance checks and the training needs to include the employees asking for proper ID. To further questioning, Mr. Goerdts replied they plan on opening early January 2016. There being no further questions, Mr. Birchland moved that the application of NORTHERN WATERS SMOKEHAUS, INC (NORTHERN WATERS), 1608 WOODLAND AVENUE FOR AN ON SALE WINE LICENSE AND ON SALE 3.2 PERCENT MALT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016, AND APRIL 30, 2016, RESPECTIVELY, WITH ERIC GOERDT, PRESIDENT AND 75% OWNER, AND LYNN GOERDT, 25% OWNER, BE APPROVED, AND THE SAME BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. Mr. Pekkala seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**LARK O' THE LAKE, LLC (LARK O'THE LAKE CAFÉ), 231 E. SUPERIOR ST. – #100-101** - APPLICATION FOR AN ON SALE WINE LICENSE AND ON SALE 3.2 PERCENT MALT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016,

AND APRIL 30, 2016, RESPECTIVELY, WITH DON MONACO, 33.34% OWNER, MARK MARINO, 33.33% OWNER, AND SANDRA ETTESTAD, 33.33% OWNER.

Sandra Ettestad was present on behalf of the application. Ms. Ettestad explained they are opening a small ice cream/coffee café on the ground level of Greysolon Ballroom that will have seating for 40 people. She continued saying that they will serve breakfast to supper and would like to serve beer and wine as an accessory to the meal. Ms. Ettestad explained that their restaurant will be a family dining location that will have a year round venue for ice cream and then expand the menu with sandwiches. To questioning from the commission, Ms. Ettestad explained they have gone through the Serve Safe program and will be requiring all their staff to be trained through that program. She continued saying that they would like to be open by November 1st. There being no further discussion, Mr. Rosenthal moved that THE APPLICATION OF LARK O' THE LAKE, LLC (LARK O'THE LAKE CAFÉ), 231 E. SUPERIOR ST. – #100-101 FOR AN ON SALE WINE LICENSE AND ON SALE 3.2 PERCENT MALT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016, AND APRIL 30, 2016, RESPECTIVELY, WITH DON MONACO, 33.34% OWNER, MARK MARINO, 33.33% OWNER, AND SANDRA ETTESTAD, 33.33% OWNER, BE APPROVED, AND THE SAME BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. Mr. Birchland seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**CHURCHES UNITED IN MINISTRY, (CHUM INTERNATIONAL DINNER), 1111 N. 11<sup>TH</sup> AVE. E.** – APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY ON SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR OCTOBER 24, 2015, WITH MARY SCHMITZ, MANAGER.

Lee Stuart, director of CHUM, was present on behalf of the application. Ms. Stuart explained that this is their annual fundraiser and will be holding an international dinner with a wine tasting. She stated that they have changed to a bigger venue as they are planning on approximately 100-150 people attending the event on October 24th. Officer Vang stated he has approved this application. There being no further discussion, Mr. Birchland moved that THE APPLICATION OF CHURCHES UNITED IN MINISTRY, (CHUM INTERNATIONAL DINNER), 1111 N. 11<sup>TH</sup> AVE. E. FOR A TEMPORARY ON SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR OCTOBER 24, 2015, WITH MARY SCHMITZ, MANAGER, BE APPROVED, AND THE SAME BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. Mr. Pekkala seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to bring before the commission, the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:00 p.m.