

LA GRANGE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

53 South La Grange Road
First Floor Conference Room
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, November 26, 2018 – 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A special meeting of the La Grange Liquor Control Commission was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Tom Livingston.

Present and constituting a quorum were Liquor Commissioner Tom Livingston, Commissioner Michael Kotynek and Commissioner Mark Kuchler.

Absent: None

Also present: Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, Police Chief Kurt Bluder and Village Attorney Mark Burkland.

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Kuchler and seconded by Commissioner Kotynek to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2018 meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Request Class A-1 / Liquor License Applicant Aodake La Grange LLC d/b/a Aodake Ramen 21 West Calendar Avenue

Liquor Commissioner Livingston asked Village Manager Andrianna Peterson to introduce the application. Ms. Peterson stated that the Village has received an application for a Class A-1 restaurant license from Aodake La Grange LLC d/b/a Aodake Ramen located at 21 West Calendar Avenue. Licensees of a Class A-1 license must prove to the satisfaction of the Village that more than 60% of the gross annual revenue of the dining establishment has resulted from the sale of food.

Yan Lan Liu is a manager with 25% ownership, Tony Wang is a manager with 25% ownership and Wei Zhou Li is a manager with 50% ownership. Yan Lan Liu is the current store manager and will be the primary liquor manager, Tony Wang will be the secondary liquor manager. In order to meet the requirements of being a liquor manager, both will need to be onsite at least 40 hours a week.

Yan Lan Liu, Tony Wang and Wei Zhou Li were fingerprinted at the La Grange Police Department. An affidavit has been received from Police Chief Bluder affirming that Yan Lan Liu, Tony Wang and Wei Zhou

Li conform to the requirements of the Liquor Code and are eligible for consideration of the issuance of a liquor license.

Manager Tony Wang expressed appreciation as a liquor license will give Aodake Ramen the opportunity to continue to expand into the La Grange market.

Trustee Kuchler welcomed the owners of Aodake Ramen and expressed appreciation for their investment in La Grange. He inquired as to why Aodake Ramen is applying for an A-1 Liquor license.

Store manager Yan Lan Liu responded that since opening in July, customers have been inquiring in regards to when beer, sake and wine will be available. Manager Tony Wang added that as a 2,000 square foot restaurant they wish to serve Japanese wines with the possibility for expansion in the future.

Trustee Kotynek inquired if Aodake Ramen had any concerns with meeting the 60% food requirement. Mr. Wang responded that the quality of Aodake's food comes first and the alcohol served will be an enhancement.

Trustee Kotynek also inquired if the previous owner would be involved in the venture at all. Mr. Wang responded that as he was not recommended by the La Grange Police Department, he has been withdrawn from the venture entirely.

Trustee Kuchler inquired as to Aodake Ramen's experience in La Grange so far. Mr. Wang responded that it is a nice community full of friendly customers.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Kotynek and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the Liquor Commission recommend: (a) that the Village Board of Trustees creates one new class A-1 Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issues that license to Aodake La Grange LLC d/b/a Aodake Ramen at 21 West Calendar Avenue. Motion carried.

4. Other Business

Manager Peterson provided an update on other activity concerning Village businesses.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Kotynek and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the meeting of the Liquor Commission be adjourned. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Andrianna Peterson
Village Manager

Date Approved: