

LA GRANGE LIQUOR COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

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

Monday, November 11, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A special meeting of the La Grange Liquor Commission was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Thomas Livingston.

Present and constituting a quorum were Liquor Commissioner Thomas Livingston and Commissioner Mike Kotynek.

Absent: Commissioner Mark Kuchler

Also present: Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, Community Development Director Charity Jones and Police Chief Kurt Bluder.

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Kotynek and seconded by Commissioner Livingston to approve the minutes of October 28, 2019, as submitted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Request Class B / Inayat Inc. d/b/a 7-Eleven #13324G

Liquor Commissioner Livingston asked Village Manager Peterson to provide an overview of the liquor license application.

Village Manager Peterson responded that the Village has received an application for a Class B liquor license from Inayat Inc. d/b/a 7-Eleven #13324G at 6 E. 47th Street. Saif Ullah is the sole President / Owner and liquor manager. Jim Arvia is the corporate 7-11 Field Consultant. This business has held a Liquor License since 2001, however a franchisee is assuming ownership of a previously corporate run store.

A Class B Retail Sales License authorizes a grocery store, gourmet food or wine store, or convenience mart to sell at retail beer and wine in their original packaging for consumption off the license premises, if those sales are merely incidental to their sales or businesses conducted by the licensee on the same premises.

Mr. Ullah explained that he has been working for 7-Eleven for the past 22 years and in the last ten years he has franchised a store in both Oak Lawn and in Beverly. He chose the La Grange location after looking for a new franchising opportunity.

Mr. Arvia noted that the La Grange store has been doing well with higher sales in the past 3 months. Liquor accounts for around 11% of sales while a majority of the sales are non-alcoholic drinks. Tobacco sales account for 10% - 11% of sales.

Commissioner Kotynek inquired if any changes or renovations were planned for the location. Mr. Arvia noted that painting and maintenance were planned but no large physical updates.

Commissioner Livingston inquired if there were any plans to pursue a gas station at the location. Mr. Arvia stated that there are no current plans to put in a gas station.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Kotynek and seconded by Commissioner Livingston that the Liquor Commission recommends: (a) that the Village Board of Trustees creates one new Class B Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issues that license to Inayat Inc. d/b/a 7-Eleven #13324G at 6 E. 47th Street. Motion carried.

President Livingston thanked the applicants and stated that the recommendation for approval would be made to the Village Board at its meeting on December 9 at 7:30 p.m..

4. Other Business

The Commission inquired as to the status of other pending liquor licenses. Staff provided updates.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Kotynek and seconded by Commissioner Livingston that the meeting of the Liquor Commission be adjourned. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by:
Andrianna Peterson
Village Manager

Date Approved: