

**City of Northville
Liquor License Review Committee
September 19, 2016**

Call to Order

A meeting of the Liquor License Review Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

It was noted that Mayor Pro Tem James Allen, Councilmember Marilyn Price, and Member John Buckland were present.

Also present were City Clerk Dianne Massa, Police Chief Michael Carlson, City Manager Patrick Sullivan, Greg Richards from Richards Restaurant Group, LLC., and one citizen

Public Comments

None

Approval of Agenda

Motion Price, seconded by Buckland to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes

Motion Buckland, seconded by Price to approve the August 1, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Request to Add Entertainment and Catering Permit / Wok Asian Bistro

On May 18, 2015, City Council approved the request of Richards Restaurant Group, LLC (RRG), d/b/a Wok Asian Bistro, owned by Gregory, William, and Deborah Richards, located at 144 Mary Alexander Court, to transfer a Class C and SDM license into the City. At that time, RRG was approved for a Sunday Sales Permit, an Outdoor Service Permit, and the hours of operation were as follows:

Monday - Thursday: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday and Saturday: 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Recently, RRG applied for and was granted an Entertainment Permit and Catering Permit through the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC). RRG submitted an amended Plan of Operation to the City, which includes the following:

- Change in the hours of operation to:
 - Tuesday – Thursday 11:00 am – 9:00 pm
 - Friday 11:00 am – 10:00 pm
 - Saturday 11:00 am – 1:00 am
 - Sunday 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Offering karaoke and solo acoustic music nights under the Entertainment Permit.
- Catering food and alcoholic beverages at private events/functions off premises under the Catering Permit.

A check on the history of the business revealed one MLCC violation on November 12, 2015 for selling alcohol without fully complying with the MLCC by failing to provide proof of financial responsibility, which resulted in a fine of \$50. Staff can find no reason to object to this request.

It was also noted that the amended Plan included an increase in the outdoor seating capacity. The owner has since removed that from the amended Plan as the outdoor seating may not be increased per Fire Code. The outdoor seating capacity will remain the same.

Public hearing opened at 7:03 pm.

Jim Long, 400 Fairbrook, voiced support of the request, noting it is not easy to own and operate a successful business in the downtown.

Public hearing closed at 7:04 pm.

LLRC Questions, Comments, and Discussion: In response to a question regarding entertainment, the owner explained that outdoor entertainment would consist of one night a week of outdoor acoustic music that would end by 9:00 pm. Karaoke entertainment would be part of miscellaneous events inside the restaurant.

Motion Buckland, seconded by Price to recommend City Council take no action to object to the Wok Asian Bistro Restaurant adding an Entertainment Permit and Catering Permit to their Class C license. Further, the Committee recommends that City Council take no action to object to the amended Plan of Operation as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 5/15/17