

**CITY OF WILMINGTON
ORDINANCE & LICENSING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Wilmington City Hall, Council Chambers
1165 S. Water Street**

In Attendance

Committee Members

Co-Chair, Floyd Combes
Co-Chair, Lisa Butler
Alderman Dennis Vice
Alderman Kevin Kirwin
Alderman Steve Evans

City Officials

Mayor Roy Strong
City Administrator Joie Ziller

The meeting of the Ordinance & Licensing Committee was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Alderman Butler.

Previous Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2018

The minutes were reviewed. **Alderman Evans made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to accept the November 13, 2018 Committee meeting minutes as written and have them placed on file. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED, 5 yes.**

Discussion on Brew Pub Ordinance and Addition of Liquor Licenses

Administrator Ziller prepared a memo packet for the Committee Members for their review. The owners of Nelson's Furniture Store will be opening a new business. The Nelson's will be opening a craft brewery called "Old School Brewery". They will not be selling food or have a kitchen. This brewery will manufacture, store and have consumption on premise and would like to have retail sale off premise. The off premise would consist of people coming in and filling up their growlers. When Ziller spoke to Tina Nelson she wanted to be considered to have a full service license, which would be considered Class A. In the City's current ordinances, there is nothing regulating the manufacturing of beers and ciders. Mayor Strong asks Ziller if she found any sample ordinances from other towns with brewery's. Administrator Ziller follows up with sample ordinances from Lockport and the City of Joliet. The breweries would have to apply for a special license from the State of Illinois. The location of the Nelson's brewery is on the far East end of Nelson's Furniture Store, closest to the municipal parking lot. Alderman Combes asks if this will be handicap accessible. Ziller states that since this is an existing building, technically they do not have to comply, since this would be considered remodeling. Mayor Strong said this will not be an issue and they will have them put in a handicap ramp. Mayor Strong explains how the State has to approve their liquor license, and then the Nelson's have to set up the place, which may take awhile. Meanwhile the brewery will bring in beer from other places in the beginning so that they do not lose money waiting for their new business to open. Administrator Ziller implies that the brewery has to get a license thru the City before they can go to the State. The "Old School Brewery" would be a full service bar. They would be a Class A license and also a Class I-2 for brewery. Alderman Butler asks if the beer and wine license

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restricts if the alcohol comes packages in a keg or can? Administrator Ziller says no, it already has to be packaged for resale. The Committee reviews whether to charge the brewery for one or two liquor licenses. Ziller notes that Class A license is \$800/year and questions the Committee what they wanted to charge for the Class 1 brewery license. The Class 1 license with the State of Illinois is \$75 annually. Alderman Butler suggests that the Class 1 license be \$450/year. The Committee agrees with this price, which will bring the new brewery liquor license fees to \$1,250/year for two licenses. If an additional entity comes into the City and would like a Class 1 brewery license, then Council will need to reevaluate the whole ordinance. Ziller states that Fox's Pizza intends to have a liquor license and a gaming room when they build a new building. Mayor Strong says they will deal with Fox's after it rebuilds. **The Committee agrees to bring this ordinance for a final reading at the January 15, 2019 City Council meeting. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED, 5 yes.**

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

Other Pertinent Information

Alderman Kirwin questions if the City can enforce clean up of all the concrete/sidewalk that is piling up on a specific property on Water Street. The Committee discusses the danger surrounding this property and that the owner currently wants the City to purchase his property for a parking lot and also put a sidewalk in. Mayor Strong suggests that Alderman Kirwin come into City Hall, file a property maintenance form and that will be sent to Ordinance Officer Brimer for follow up.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, Alderman Butler made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Kirwin to adjourn. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hayley Henke
Executive Secretary