

City Council Agenda Memo

From: Bonnie Foster, City Clerk

Council Meeting: August 25, 2020

Subject: New Malt License for The Lanes, Suite C

Person(s) Responsible: Bonnie Foster, City Clerk

Summary:

The City of Brookings has received an application for an On-Off Sale Malt License for MG Oil Company, dba The Lanes, Marlyn Erickson and Troy Erickson, owners. The location is the former Prairie Lanes at 722 Western Ave., Brookings, SD. All required documents have been submitted for this application.

Background:

A public hearing and action by the local governing body is required to approve all alcohol licenses. The On-Off Sale Malt License would be effective September 2020, and is subject to an annual renewal. If approved, the application would be forwarded to the State Department of Revenue for final action and issuance of the license.

This business located at 722 Western Ave., holds a current On-Sale Liquor License, with 10 video lottery machines.

Item Details:

MG Oil Company, dba The Lanes, Marlyn Erickson and Troy Erickson, owners, purchased Prairie Lanes Inc., dba Prairie Lanes, from Les Nelson, owner, as of January 1, 2020. A transfer of the Liquor License and 10 Video Lottery Machines was approved by the City Council on April 28, 2020.

A walk-through of the facility was conducted by City Attorney Steve Britzman, City Clerk Bonnie Foster, and Assistant City Manager Jake Meshke on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

The walk-through indicated that the bowling alley is undergoing a complete remodeling. As part of the applicant's plan, they are creating 2 additional spaces within the building where alcoholic beverages will be sold and consumed. In conjunction with these 2 additional spaces, they hope to place up to 10 video lottery machines in each of the additional spaces. In order to satisfy State Video Lottery Regulations, there must be separate and distinct physical facilities maintained and utilized for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages for each of these separately described premises.

As a result of this plan, the applicant has applied for 2 additional malt beverage licenses for sale and consumption within the same building, which if approved, would be eligible for up to 10 additional video lottery machines each. Our walk through indicates the separate spaces have been designated, and sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages are intended to occur at these 2 additional locations within the building. This would comply with the video lottery requirements if the City Council approves the two On-Off Sale Malt Licenses and if the City Council also approves Video Lottery for these two additional locations within the building.

Chapter 6, Article 2, Section 6-42 of the City Code of Ordinances pertains to the Application Review Procedure. The city council shall review all applications submitted to the city for available on-sale alcoholic beverage agreements and for all alcoholic beverage licenses in accordance with SDCL Chapter 35-2 (SDCL 35-2-1 et seq.) and in accordance with the following factors:

- 1) Type of business which applicant proposes to operate: on-sale alcoholic beverage operating agreements and on-sale alcoholic beverage licenses may not be issued to convenience grocery stores, gas stations, or other stores where groceries or gasoline are sold unless it can be established that minors do not regularly frequent the establishment.
- 2) The manner in which the business is operated: on-sale alcoholic beverage operating agreements and alcoholic beverage licenses may not be issued to establishments which are operated in a manner which results in minors regularly frequenting the establishment.
- 3) The extent to which minors are employed in such a place of business: on-sale alcoholic beverage operating agreements and on-sale alcoholic beverage licenses may not be issued to convenience grocery stores, gas stations, or other stores where groceries or gasoline are sold and which regularly employ minors.
- 4) Adequacy of the police facilities to properly police the proposed location: The city council shall inquire of the city manager whether the police department can adequately police the proposed location.
- 5) Other factors: The hours that business is conducted shall be considered by the city council in its review of applications for on-sale alcoholic beverage operating agreements and on-sale alcoholic beverage licenses.

(Code 1996, § 5-20)

State Law reference - Local license approval, SDCL 35-2-1.2.

SDCL [35-2-1.2](#). Applications submitted to local governing body--Fee--Approval or disapproval. Any applicant for a new retail license, except as set forth in § [35-2-1.1](#), or the transfer of an existing license shall submit an application to the governing body of the municipality in which the applicant intends to operate, or if outside the corporate limits of a municipality, to the governing body of the county in which the applicant intends to operate. The applicant shall submit the required fee with the application. The governing body may approve the application for a new retail license or the transfer of an existing license if the governing body considers the applicant suitable to hold the license and the proposed location is suitable.

The governing body may disapprove an application for a new retail license or the transfer of an existing license issued under subdivision 35-4-2(4), (6), or (13) if:

- 1) The approval of the application permits a person, corporation, or business entity to possess more than one-third of the licenses available to be issued in the jurisdiction; and
- 2) The governing body determines that possession of more than one-third of licenses available is not in the public interest.

Any application for the reissuance of a retail license may be approved by the municipal or county governing body without a hearing unless in the past year the licensee or one or more of the licensee's employees have been subjected to a criminal penalty for violation of the alcoholic beverage control law or the license has been suspended.

Source: SDC 1939, §§ 5.0206, 5.0305; SL 1945, ch 21, § 1; SL 1951, ch 11; SDC Supp 1960, § 5.0204 (14); SL 1961, ch 14; SL 1964, ch 9; SL 1965, ch 12; SDCL §§ 35-4-32, 35-4-33, 35-6-15; SL 1971, ch 211, § 13; SL 2008, ch 37, § 140; SL 2011, ch 171, § 1; SL 2017, ch 164, § 1; SL 2018, ch 213, § 12.

Legal Consideration:

None

Financial Consideration:

The On-Off Sale Malt License would be effective September 2020, and then subject to an annual renewal.

Options and Recommendation:

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Refer to a Study Session
5. Do nothing

Staff recommends approval.

Supporting Documentation:

City Attorney Opinion on AR 48:02:11:02

Proposed Building Plans

Legal Notice

Map