



DATE: September 11, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: Julie Hanson, Assistant to the City Administrator/City Clerk

SUBJECT: Welsch’s Big Ten Tavern Liquor License

Budgeted Amount: **Actual Amount:** **Funding Source:**

Council Should Consider

Motions to approve, table, or deny the following:

- On-sale and Sunday sales liquor licenses for Welsch’s Big Ten Tavern (Big Ten) located at 4703 Highway 10 for the period of September 24, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Background

The City was notified by an attorney representing the Welsch family that John “Jack” Welsch of the Big Ten passed away in June. State Statute 340A.410, Subd. 3 states “In the case of the death of a retail licensee to sell alcoholic beverages, the personal representative is authorized to continue operation of the business for not more than 90 days after the death of licensee.” Staff received a document appointing a personal representative and notified the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division (AGED) about such. The 90 day grace period ends September 23, 2023.

The business is required to submit new application materials for a license that will cover the period following expiration of the 90 day grace period through the end of this year. Staff received copies of documents submitted to the Secretary of State’s office for the business and also a document showing designation by the personal representative of Corporate Officers James Welsch and Kim Nelson, who are applying for the liquor license on behalf of the business. Please note that staff has also worked closely with our City Attorney throughout this process.

The City has received the necessary liquor license application materials (City application, State application, background check authorization forms and a Certificate of Insurance). Background checks were conducted on the two applicants by the Ramsey County Sheriff’s office and results were satisfactory.

The Big Ten is requesting an on-sale liquor license (ONSS – beer, wine, and intoxicating liquor) as well as a license for Sunday sales, which are the same licenses the business has held for many years.

Following Council consideration and approval of said licenses, all required information will be submitted to AGED.

Again, the request before the Council is for liquor licenses for the period of September 24 to December 31, 2023. The Big Ten will be required to renew its license for 2024 later this fall and this will be brought forward to Council along with the other 2024 renewals in December.

Budget Impact

N/A

Attachments

N/A