

KINDRED CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

09-17-2021 at 8:00 am

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Present: Mayor DuBord, CMs Spelhaug, Amerman, and Peraza. Absent: CM Stoddard
Also present were PWS Rich Schock, City Auditor Tabitha Arnaud, Attorney Sarah Wear, Spring Brook Tavern owners Andrea Christensen-Janowicz and Ryan Janowicz.

Mayor DuBord called the meeting to order at 8:02am.

1. New Liquor/Beer License Application for Spring Brook Tavern at 441 Elm St.

Mayor DuBord opened the public hearing.

Hearing no public comments, Mayor DuBord closed the public hearing.

MOTION – To approve the new liquor/beer license application for Spring Brook Tavern for the application period of 9/1/2021-6/30/2022;

Peraza moved, Spelhaug seconded.

Discussion: Tabitha had talked with Andrea about the non-refundable application and annual license fees, and advised Andrea to hold on any payments until speaking with city council. Tabitha shared that the non-refundable application fee of \$250 is in place to help cover the legal fees on new applications, and that the annual license fee for a Retail On/Off Premises Liquor License is \$1000. According to ordinance this can be prorated for the months that a new application is approved, if not the full year. Council has previously made concessions to Kindred Spirits and Hawk's Market on the annual fee, regarding financial hardship and COVID concerns, and the ordinance has been revised to allow council the option to adjust the fee if they feel it is warranted. Tabitha also noted that Kindred Spirits did pay the full annual license fee of \$1000 when they renewed their license for the 7/2021-6/2022 year.

Andrea Christensen Janowicz thanked the community for the support that has been shown to Hawk's Market and the City Council's response to help expedite any processes with Hawk's and now Spring Brook Tavern. She stated if a discount on the fees were offered, that would be greatly appreciated as they take on a new business ownership. But if the decision is made for the fees to be charged, that is understandable as well.

CM Peraza asked to verify that the annual fees that Kindred Spirits paid were included in our budget; Tabitha responded yes. He shared he would be in favor of not charging the annual fee to Spring Brook Tavern since the City already collected the budgeted revenue for the same location already. Mayor DuBord agreed. He asked if CM Peraza would amend his motion:

AMENDED MOTION, passed – To approve the new liquor/beer license for Spring Brook Tavern for the current application period of 9/1/2021-6/30/2022, waiving the annual fee; Peraza moved, Spelhaug seconded. RCV; Motion carried unanimously.

Tabitha advised she would invoice SBT for the non-refundable application fee and the publishing fees as per ordinance, and since she was out of town, she would have Jackie drop off the License at Hawk's Market this afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:11am.

Jason DuBord, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tabitha Arnaud, City Auditor

Date approved: _____