

A regular meeting of the Troy Liquor Committee was called to order by the Chairman Robert Dolmage at 7:30 P.M., on Monday, October 13, 1980 in the Troy Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Robert Dolmage  
Fred Southers  
George Osbourne  
Roy Bemis  
Don Snyder  
John Chichelli (7:40)  
Ellis Allen (7:55)  
Robert Mortensen

Motion by Bemis, supported by Southers to approve the minutes of the September 8, 1980 meeting as printed.

Yeas: All (5)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: Mortensen

1. Tabled request by Somerset Properties Co., et al, for a new Entertainment Permit to be held in conjunction with their 1980 B-Hotel and SDM licenses with Dance Permit, Official Permit (Food), three bars and two direct connections located at 2601 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan 48084.

Mr. William Humphrey, general manager, of Somerset Inn was present to discuss their request for an Entertainment Permit. Mortensen noted that the Somerset Inn's request was tabled from the Liquor Committee's last meeting due to the fact that the Fire Department had not approved the inspection form submitted to them, but since that time the Fire Department has issued their approval. Mortensen then asked Mr. Humphrey if all of the recommendations of the Fire Department had been complied to and Mr. Humphrey replied, "yes". Dolmage inquired of Mr. Humphrey Somerset Inn's plan for the future and how the Entertainment Permit might affect those plans. Mr. Humphrey replied that Somerset did not plan to change their present standard of operation, but that it was a possibility in the future that they could vary their business working within the guidelines set by the City. More specifically, Mr. Humphrey noted the often times Somerset gets requests for entertainment from their customers, and in order to be in compliance with the City Ordinance, Somerset feels it would be to their benefit and the City's benefit for them to have an Entertainment Permit.

Motion by Osbourne, seconded by Bemis to recommend that the City Council approve the request from Somerset Properties, et al, for a new Entertainment Permit.

Yeas: All (7)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: Mortensen

2. Request by The Grub Street Hermit - Spirits & Eatery, Inc.  
for transfer ownership of 1979 Class C. license, located  
in escrow at 2865 W. Maple Road, Troy, Michigan 48084,  
from Ollie's Trolley.

Mr. Phil Lauri and his son, John Lauri, were present to discuss their request. Dolmage asked if they were remodeling the building. John Lauri replied that they were extensively remodeling the buildings. He said they combined the two existing buildings making them into one restaurant with one entrance and with a reduced seating capacity of 169 people. Mr. Lauri then submitted the blueprints for the building and went further on to explain their plans of renovation. For instance, he pointed out that they were making the front of the building a greenhouse. They hope to create for their business a nice family type restaurant with pleasurable surroundings for all their customers to enjoy. They intend to have a menu with moderately priced foods.

Mortensen noted that all the inspection forms were approved pending final inspection of the building. Chichelli asked when they expected to open and Mr. Lauri answered that they hoped to open on November 1, 1980 or at least by Thanksgiving. At this time, Mortensen informed the committee on the background of Mr. Phil Lauri stating that Mr. Lauri is presently retired, however, he has been in this type of business for many years. His son, John, also has at least five years of experience behind him with his most recent experience being that of managing the Six Pence Restaurant in Sterling Heights. John Lauri stated that both he and his father would be actively involved in running the restaurant. They do not plan on having live entertainment, but are considering having music piped in.

In addition to the renovation of the buildings, Mr. Lauri informed the committee of their improving the parking facilities. Specifically, they have a signed lease agreement with the Parmco Engineering Company for additional parking space in the rear of the building which doubles the availability of parking spaces to 74 with easier access to exiting the area.

Motion by Bemis, supported by Osbourne to recommend to the City Council that they approve the request by The Grub Street Hermit - Spirits & Eatery, Inc. the transfer of ownership of the 1979 Class C. license located in escrow at 2865 West Maple Road, Troy, Michigan 48084, from Ollie's Trolley.

Yeas: All (7)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: Mortensen

3. Request by Joel Perryman for a new SDM license to be located at 3132 Rochester Road, Troy, Michigan 48084.

Mr. Joel Perryman introduced himself to the committee stating that he had leased two buildings for a total of 2800 sq. feet of space in the shopping complex being built by Popeye's on Rochester Road. Mrs. Perryman was also present. Mortensen reviewed the inspection forms noting that all forms were approved pending final inspection. Mortensen also stated that Mr. Perryman presently is operating a 7-11 store in Roseville. Southers asked Mr. Perryman what type of business he intends to have, and Mr. Perryman responded that he would be having a party store with the intentions of being open seven days a week, staying open until 12:00 A.M. during weekdays, 2:00 A.M. on weekends, and closing earlier on Sundays (11:00 P.M.). Mr. Perryman also stated that he has been in the party store business for the last 5½ years. Mortensen asked if he has had any liquor violations at his 7-11 store in Roseville and Mr. Perryman stated he has not had any violations.

Motion by Southers, seconded by Bemis to recommend that the City Council approve the request by Joel Perryman for a new SDM license to be located at 3132 Rochester Road, Troy, Michigan 48084 pending final inspection.

Yeas: All (7)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: Mortensen

4. Request by Farouk F. And Suham Jammoua for transfer of ownership from Ida Muhtar of Kazak's Party Store located at 2958 E. Maple Road, Troy, Michigan 48084.

Dolmage asked Mr. and Mrs. Jammoua if they planned on making any structural changes to the building and Mr. Jammoua replied, "no". Mr. Jammoua went on to explain that this was their first ownership of a business, but that both he and his wife were presently working in the store. Mortensen noted that the inspection forms were approved except for the Electrical Inspection which was not approved, pending two corrections to the building. When asked if these corrections were made, Mr. and Mrs. Jammoua stated that they were not aware of these needed corrections and they would have to look into this further. Mortensen also asked if they were U.S. citizens. Mr. Jammoua said that they had applied for citizenship back in July of this year but their application has not been processed yet. He stated that both he and his wife have lived in this country for the last six years and he has worked in four or five supermarkets since his arrival here.

Motion by Osbourne, supported by Snyder to table the request by Farouk F. and Suham Jammoua for transfer of ownership from Ida Mukhtar of Kazak's Party Store, located at 2958 E. Maple Road, Troy, Michigan 48084, for 30 days.

Yeas: All (7)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: Mortensen

After a brief recess, the Committee reconvened to discuss the possibility of revising the present Class C. Guidelines. In summary, the discussion centered around the following suggestions:

1. The possibility of reducing the present minimum requirement of the 200 seating capacity to 100.
2. The possibility of giving preference to established Troy businesses.
3. The possibility of putting in an additional food restriction whereby the food must be prepared on the premises, and a minimum of five (5) items must appear on the menu.
4. The possibility of allocation of a limited number of Class C licenses per year.

These above items were discussed in length and the Committee decided to review them again at their next meeting.

Motion by Bemis, supported by Osbourne to adjourn the meeting.

Yeas: All (7)

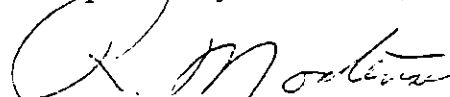
Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: Mortensen

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Captain Robert Mortensen