

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 25, 2020

The special meeting of the Monona City Council, via Zoom, was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Jennifer Kuhr, Kathy Thomas, Molly Grupe, Nancy Moore, and Doug Wood

Absent: Alderperson Kristie Schilling

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, Jaye Clemmons from Mr Brews Tap House, Craig Hayes from Tully's II, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Approval of Application for 2020 Temporary Extension of Premises and Temporary Patio Permit for Mr Brews Tap House Monona LLC, d/b/a Mr Brews Tap House Monona, 103 West Broadway, Suite B, was carried.

Alder Wood explained the Ordinance adopted on June 15 allows the City Council to approve temporary extensions of premises. Any conditions are up to the discretion of the City Administrator, but it would benefit the Council to hear the applicant's plan for social distancing. Mr. Clemmons described a tent that would go over the first 3 parking stalls adding a few tables to extend the existing patio, which is at capacity. The camera covers the area and the tent allows air flow. It will close at 9:30 p.m.; the existing patio closes at 10:00 p.m. to allow cleaning. There will be no additional music from what is provided now, and no lighting in the tent.

Alder Wood reminded Mr. Clemmons this extension is for table service, not a beer garden situation. Mr. Clemmons understands that; this area will make up for some of the capacity that was lost when 7 inside and 4 outside tables had to be removed. Many people don't feel safe sitting inside yet. The tables will be spaced apart for social distancing. Alder Wood questioned whether there will be adequate lighting since this extension expires on November 15. Mr. Clemmons responded he hadn't considered that and will add light strings like the existing patio has. For the summer the 9:00 p.m. closure allows enough light.

Alder Grupe asked about sanitation and whether masks will be required. Mr. Clemmons responded signage will be added regarding COVID-19 symptoms and requesting masks but he can't require them. He will offer gloves and masks to patrons who want them. Alder Grupe stated the signs should recommend masks and make sure the options are front and center as patrons arrive.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve the Application for 2020 Temporary Extension of Premises and Temporary Patio Permit for Mr Brews Tap House Monona LLC, d/b/a Mr Brews Tap House Monona, 103 West Broadway, Suite B, was carried.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Approval of Application for 2020 Temporary Extension of Premises and Temporary Patio Permit for Leskes Inc., d/b/a Tully's II Food & Spirits, 6401 Monona Drive, was carried.

Alder Wood stated the Council is only considering the temporary extension of premises but it is relevant to hear plans including visual surveillance of the area. Mr. Hayes reported the area is at the back of the building, all fenced in except for the section facing the parking lot. He will hire extra staff to serve that area. It will close at 10:00 p.m. There is lighting and a camera at the backdoor now that will cover the area. Staff wear masks and they will urge customers to as well and have hand sanitizer available. He has lost a lot of sit-down customers. The tables in the area will be spread out for social distancing with extra space due to the size of the area. There is no traffic there; it is very safe. He has signs to put out regarding COVID-19 safety measures. Since it is temporary, no music will be added. Alder Wood reminded Mr. Hayes of the proximity to AmericInn. Mr. Hayes responded he is aware of that and the area will close at 10:00 p.m.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Moore to approve the Application for 2020 Temporary Extension of Premises and Temporary Patio Permit for Leskes Inc., d/b/a Tully's II Food & Spirits, 6401 Monona Drive, was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe, to adjourn was carried. (9:19 a.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk