



Minutes  
Committee of the Whole  
August 15, 2017

**The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 5:15 pm at City Hall, Council Chambers, 30 W Central Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.**

Council/Committee Members present: John Monarski, Rob Kiefer, CW King, Paul Olson, and Paul Nadreau. Absent were Chuck Hull and Robert Hoekstra.  
Others Present: Mayor Greg Hoffman, City Attorney Robert Ferg, Police Chief Matthew Kelm, City Clerk Bridget Givens, and those on the attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Council President, Rob Kiefer.

- 1. Discuss the Original Alcohol Beverage Retail License Applications of Sakura WI, Inc.; Blue Marble Pub, LLC; and Micon Cinemas, Inc. for the available "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License due to the closure of The Lodge. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

Clerk Givens indicated that information was provided to the Committee which included guidance on criteria for considering liquor licenses. Based on those criteria, it was noted that the three applicants are all in good standing with valid seller's permits, no health code violations, or payments owed to the City.

Council President Kiefer asked each applicant to come forward to explain why they felt they should be awarded the liquor license.

Leah Chen appeared on behalf of Sakura WI, Inc. indicating they have been in business for three years bringing in customers from outlying areas. If awarded the liquor license, they plan to remodel their establishment and possibly offer live music or special events on weekends to enhance the dining experience.

Heather Marble appeared on behalf of Blue Marble Pub, LLC. Heather has been in business for three weeks and indicated it has been busy. Her plan if awarded a liquor license would be to offer liquor from local wineries and distilleries.

Dan Olson appeared on behalf of Micon Cinemas, Inc. Micon has been in business since 2004, and has had a Class "B" Beer license for approximately nine months with no issues. Their other theatres are serving liquor. They want to provide those same offerings to their customers in Chippewa Falls in addition to staying consistent with their brand.

Councilor Nadreau questioned if any of the establishments had previously applied for a liquor license. Givens noted that Sakura expressed interest in a liquor license when they opened, but one was not available. When a reserve license became available in the City, Sakura had just purchased a reserve for their restaurant in Wausau, so the timing was not ideal.

Council President Kiefer stated that all three applicants would be quality holders of the liquor license.

**Motion by King/Olson** to recommend Council approve awarding the "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License to Sakura WI, Inc. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**2. Adjournment**

**Motion by Olson/Nadreau** to adjourn at 5:32 pm. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**


**Minutes submitted by:**

Rob Kiefer

Council President

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ATTENDANCE SHEET -

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