

May 13th, 2020 Special Town Council
Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Council present: Steve Cox; Mayor, Elizabeth Julian, Judy Drain, Conrad Jepsen Council members, Judi Davis, Michala Alldredge; Town Clerks

Public Present: Dave Mock, Patrice Arent, Blake Spalding, Pam Furches, Ashley Coombs, Nina Brownell, Tony Jacobsen, Eric Arballo, Tessa Barkan, Jen Castle, Ana Sanders, Jabe Beal

Notice and
Agenda

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Boulder Town Council will be held Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Hell's Backbone Grill's request for the Town to give Local Consent for their application for a Banquet and Catering License issued by DABC.

Mayor Cox introduced the meeting. He verified that everyone received the information he forwarded from Blake via email and asked if anyone had any questions. Conrad stated that he spoke with Tony Jacobsen and his questions had all been answered. Judy asked for clarification about catering and banquet provision with specifics about the number of guests that could potentially be at the BML. Blake stated that Hell's Backbone Grill (HBG) is leased from the Boulder Mountain Lodge (BML) and as part of their lease agreement they are required to be able to provide meals for guests staying at the BML. Due to the current COVID-19 situation HBG is unable to provide service to guests in their dining room because of social distancing requirements, so they are endeavoring to obtain an additional liquor license from the DABC which would allow them to provide alcoholic beverages via room service to guests rooms and in the BML common rooms. She continued that she spoke with an attorney today about which liquor licenses are available to them. She stated that she is unsure if they will qualify for a banquet and catering license but that is what is needed for them to be able to provide alcoholic beverages as part of their room service offerings. She added that they are expanding their patio and deck seating but it will still be limited. Additionally, in the event of inclement weather during the upcoming monsoon season, the frequency of high winds in Boulder and with people continuing to socially distance it is in their best interest to provide room service, including alcoholic beverages an option. Conrad clarified that HBG needs more space outside. He asked if the expansion of the patio would operate under their current license. Blake verified that their

current license covers the patio and deck. Conrad stated that a few people have asked him if this would allow for more people and parties on the BML premises. Blake responded that it

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would not because of limited space and number of rooms available for lodging. She furthered that with their current liquor license they are able to serve alcoholic beverages for weddings and special events at the BML and that the new license will allow them to expand their offerings for room service. Elizabeth stated that on page 5 of the information that Blake provided this issue is detailed. She then asked if HBG would keep the licensing after COVID-19 or if it would be temporary. Blake replied that they will most likely keep the license because it is expensive and time consuming to obtain. She expanded that they need a new insurance policy, and will have to have background checks done on herself, Jen and all of the restaurant managers. She added that the point of obtaining the license is for guests to safely eat and drink until they can re enter the HBG dining room.

Elizabeth made a motion to grant local consent, Conrad seconded the motion, a roll call vote was unanimous. Gladys couldn't attend but contacted Judi earlier in the day to convey her vote in favor. Mayor Cox expressed his thanks to Blake and Jen of HBG and Dave and Patrice of BML. He asked that HBG work with Judi to get a local consent form filled out. Blake expressed her thanks.

Elizabeth made a motion to adjourn, Judy seconded the motion, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.