

**SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MINUTE EXERPT**  
**Liquor License Application: New Outlet**  
**Vegas County (Full On Premises Sales)**  
**April 28, 2011**

During the regularly schedule study session of April 28, 2011, Agenda item 7A, Liquor License Application: New Outlet – Vega Country (Full On Premises Sales) was opened up for discussion and action. Council members present were Norm Crume, Joe Dominick, Charlotte Fugate, Dan Jones, Jackson Fox, David Sullivan, and Ronald Verini.

Members of staff present were Henry Lawrence, Tori Barnett, Al Higinbotham, Larry Sullivan, Lisa Hansen, Alan Daniels, Kathy Daly, Chuck Mickelson, Mark Alexander, David Richey, Suzanne Skerjanec and Rachel Hopper.

Also present: Larry Meyer, Argus Observer; Loni Debban, MCOA; Dan Cummings, CK3 LLC; Tony Kahman and Dave Waldo, Waldo Insurance; and Stefan Schachtell, Vegas Country.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Liquor License Application: New Outlet – Vegas Country (Full On Premises Sales)**

Mark Alexander, Interim Police Chief, stated after the County meeting of Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, and the questions and comments arising from that meeting, he had conducted further research into the applicants and the application for a new outlet, primarily the comments regarding the potential adult entertainment that might take place in the establishment. Chief Alexander had spoken personally with the applicant, Mr. Stefan Schachtell, and Mr. Schachtell had assured the Chief that he would NOT be any adult entertainment of any type at his business.

Councilor Sullivan asked if Mr. Schachtell would e the sole owner of the business.

Stefan Schachtell stated he would be.

Councilor Fox asked who Mike McGinnis was.

Mr. Schachtell stated that Mr. McGinnis was a personal friend, and a resident of Boise with experience in this type of business. He was helping Mr. Schachtell with the details of opening his business.

Councilor Fox stated he had heard rumors that Mr. McGinnis was an owner.

Mr. Schachtell stated that was incorrect. He was the only owner; Mike was just helping.

Councilor Sullivan asked if Mr. McGinnis should be on the application, or was he not qualified.

Mr. Schachtell stated he didn't want him on the application, and he didn't need to be on it.

Councilor Sullivan stated he might reconsider adding Mr. McGinnis.

Councilor Jones verified that Mr. Schachtell had not intention of adding adult entertainment to his establishment.

Mr. Schachtell stated absolutely not, his wife would kill him!

Councilor Crume asked if Mr. Schachtell sold his business, would it be necessary to file a new liquor license application, or would this one remain.

Chief Alexander stated a new application would have to be filed for the new owner. Further, in the interested of the location of Mr. Schachtell, who resided in Boise, and due to the fact the matter had been tabled from the earlier meeting, he requested that if the Council was inclined to pass this request, to do so at the current study session, as opposed to having Mr. Schachtell wait until after Monday's meeting.

Councilor Fox questioned taking action now, as opposed to Monday. What was the rush?

Chief Alexander stated he believed it was a time-sensitive issue as the application had to be approved and moved on through two other locations (Nyssa, locally, and Salem, for the state) for approval. Mr. Schachtell wanted to get moving on his business.

Councilor Fox still believed the action should wait until Monday's televised meeting.

Councilor Sullivan asked what Mr. Schachtell's current employment was.

Mr. Schachtell stated he was retired from Albertson's, and was currently a wine distributor in Idaho.

Councilor Sullivan questioned Mr. Schachtell's response to question 12A on the liquor license application.

Mr. Schachtell stated he had contact OLCC in Salem and asked about that, and he believed he answered it according to OLCC requirements.

Councilor Jones voiced his agreement that Mr. Schachtell had answered his concerns from the Monday meeting, and felt the action should be addressed at the current study session.

Councilor Fugate stated she had concerns with the comments made based on rumors at the Monday meeting. It would appear it was defamation of character based solely on rumors and hearsay. Ontario needed to put out a welcoming reputation.

Councilor Jones disagreed. The Council had concerns over some things they had heard, and Mr. Schachtell had come forward and put those concerns to rest.

Councilor Fugate stated that should not have happened, if based solely on rumors.

Councilor Fox voiced his disagreement, again, of voting on an action at the study session. They should wait until the Monday meetings that were televised.

Dan Jones moved, seconded by Charlotte Fugate, that the City Council approve the application for New Outlet / Full On Premises Sales liquor license for Vegas Country. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox- yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned back into a regular study session.

  
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Joe Dominick, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder