

City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO
Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barrett at 7:07 pm.

Members Present: Pat Barrett, Leo Gordon, Wanda Lane, Greg White, City Engineer Clayton Klein

Members Absent: Mathew Borzymowski and Mayor Tatman recused themselves

Member White made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Gordon. Motion passed unanimously.

Member Lane made a motion to approve the June 12, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Klein. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Conditional Use Permit application for Royalty Café & Event Center, 9312 Lewis & Clark Blvd., Ms. Tawana Austin, Applicant, per Section 29-96(4)(c) Restaurants.

This was a discussion regarding the operational proposal of this business. Ms. Austin has secured an occupancy permit, but has not secured her business license. She has a lease in the name of Royalty Café, signed by Erica Williams, property owner, dated 6/14/23 but backdated to April 2023. This site has been inspected and approved by St. Louis County Health Department and the North County Fire Protection District. As of this date she does not have a business license.

Commission members explained the requirements necessary to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the City. We asked deliberate questions to fully understand Ms. Austin's intent on operating her business, based on her responses to an email dated 6/5/23. After much discussion, the recommendations to be presented to the Board of Aldermen are as follow:

1. Recommend to approve or deny the CUP?

Unanimous vote to APPROVE

2. Recommend to approve with conditions?

Unanimous vote to APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS

3. Hours of Operation

Mon: 12p-6p; Tues: 12p-10p; Wed: 12p-10p; Thurs 12p-6p; Fri: 12p-10p

Tues, Wed, Fri operates as public restaurant 5-10p. All other hours operate as private events. Unanimous vote to approve these hours.

Saturday: 12p-12a

Barrett: No. White: No. Gordon, Klein, Lane: Yes. Recommend Sat. hours APPROVE

Sunday:12p-10p

Barrett: No. Klein: No. Gordon, Lane, White: Yes. Recommend Sun hours APPROVE

4. No alcohol to be brought into the building by patrons.
Ms. Austin stated that is a part of the contract patrons sign.
5. No events outside of business building.
6. No smoking in building. This is a St. Louis County ordinance.
7. Property Owner (A Red Circle) must supply items per requested regarding site improvements. City Engineer will follow up with property owner.

Items 3-7 were unanimously approved to be a part of the conditions of the CUP recommendation to the Board of Aldermen.

Chair asked the citizen in attendance, Marcie Gooden, if she would like to share any comments. Mrs. Gooden is a resident of Ward 4 who faithfully walks her neighborhood and clears litter. She noted the decline of upkeep of the newly purchased building at Jennings Station Road and Lewis & Clark Blvd. She also raised questions pertaining to the flyers and information published on social media inviting citizens to a political event at Royalty Café on April 3, 2023. Mrs. Gooden questioned the approval of hosting that event.

Chair asked for a motion of dismissal. Member White made the motion, seconded by Member Gordon. Motion passed unanimously. Chair dismissed the meeting at about 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Lane
Secretary, Planning & Zoning