LICENSE HEARING MINUTES

Ron's Bar, 879 Rice Street Thursday, January 5, 2012, 2:00 p.m. 330 City Hall, 15 Kellogg Boulevard West Nhia Vang, Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer

The hearing was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

<u>Staff Present</u>: Christine Rozek and Kris Schweinler, Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI)

Applicant: Shannon Isaac, owner

Ron's Bar: Request to modify the existing license condition(s) to permit Jeff Rauschnot to be employed at the establishment for a business with the following existing licenses: Liquor On Sale – 100 Seats or less, Liquor On Sale – Sunday, Gambling Location, and Restaurant (3) 13-50 seats for Ron's Bar LLC, doing business as Ron's Bar (ID #20100002655) at 879 Rice Street.

Ms. Vang stated that the hearing was a continuation of the hearing from August 18, 2011. She asked whether there had been any changes since the last hearing.

Ms. Isaac responded that they now had bar bingo on Thursday evenings and her husband, Jeff, helped her two to three days per week working during the morning hours at the bar. It was primarily Jeff working with her and her son would help out whenever he could or they needed his help. They closed the bar at 1 a.m.; however, during the week, they would sometimes close at 10 or 11 p.m. depending on the number of customers in the bar at the time.

Ms. Vang clarified that Ms. Isaac originally requested that condition #4 be modified to allow her husband, Jeff Rauschnot, to work in the bar. Ms. Isaac responded that this was correct. Ms. Vang stated that she had reviewed the police reports since the last hearing and there had been no new complaints. Since everything had been going very well; she was recommending condition #4 be modified to allow Mr. Rauschnot to work in the bar. Ms. Schweinler asked Ms. Isaac if she would prefer to change the time to later than 3:30 p.m. Ms. Isaac responded that 5:30 p.m. would be preferable since she had another job.

After reviewing all of the documents of record, Ms. Vang said she will recommend to the City Council that they approve the license with the modified condition. The proposed conditions were agreed to by Ms. Isaac and are as follows:

- 1. The liquor service area is restricted to the first floor only. No service, sale, and/or consumption of liquor is permitted on the second floor area.
- 2. The licensee agrees to obtain prior written approval from the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) before any occupancy and/or use of the second floor is established.
- 3. The licensee shall maintain a lease for exclusive use of the parking spaces on the parcels of land with property identification numbers 252923410133, 252923410152, and 252923410151 at all times the business is in operation.

- 4. Jeff Rauschnot may be employed at the bar between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mr. Rauschnot cannot have any managerial responsibilities associated with the business and/or its operation, nor have any financial interest in the corporation holding the liquor license.
- 5. The license holder shall provide and maintain video surveillance cameras inside and outside on the premises in accordance with Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) recommendations (cameral placement and quality must be approved by SPPD). The video recordings shall be kept by the license holder for at least thirty (30) days and shall be available for viewing by the Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) immediately upon request. In addition, if the SPPD responds to a call at the licensed premises, and due to the crime, requests that a copy of the surveillance footage be immediately provided, the license holder shall have technology available to make the copy at the time of the request and shall have it for the police without delay. In other cases, if the SPPD or the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) requests copies of the surveillance tapes, licensee shall have a 48-hour period in which to provide such copies.
- 6. The licensee shall provide DSI the name and applicable contact information (i.e., home address, date of birth, etc.) for the on-site manager of the establishment when Shannon Isaac is not present. This information shall be kept current and up-to-date with DSI at all times this business is in operation.
- 7. The establishment shall close no later than 1:00 a.m. each night of the week, with last call service given no later than 12:30 a.m. It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to ensure that all customers and/or patrons have vacated the premises (both inside and outside) by no later than 1:30 a.m.
- 8. The licensee shall obtain prior written approval from DSI Environmental Health prior to providing and/or allowing any type of food service in the establishment.

The hearing adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

The Conditions Affidavit was signed and submitted on

Submitted by: Vicki Sheffer