

Wheatland, Wyoming  
April 19, 2007

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
TOWN OF WHEATLAND

A special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Wheatland, Platte County, State of Wyoming was held in the Council Room of the Town Hall on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of a public hearing on a liquor license application.

Mayor Hensel called the meeting to order and upon roll call, it was found that the following were present; Councilwoman Allen, Councilmen Geile, Evans and Madsen. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer, Cindy Kahler and Pizza Hut representatives Dana Harris and Jodie Franke.

Mayor Hensel opened the public hearing at 5:00 P.M. for public input on the restaurant liquor license application submitted by High Plains Pizza dba Pizza Hut. Mayor Hensel stated that he had some concerns as to where the dispensing room would be located and what the policy is regarding dispensing procedures. Councilman Geile stated that the law is very clear on dispensing and it states that only individuals twenty-one and over can dispense the liquor and eighteen year olds can deliver it to the table, however, he stated he also had some concerns regarding minors carding minors. Jodie Franke indicated that there is always a shift supervisor on duty that is of legal age and that person would be responsible for the alcohol dispensing and making sure that the laws are followed. She stated that the intent is to serve bottled beer only and the dispensing area will be quite small.

Councilman Evans asked if the patrons will be required to order food or will they be allowed to set and drink and Dana Harris indicated that they would be required to order food.

Police Chief Chesser stressed concerns about the policy of handling the alcohol and making sure that all of the employees are trained properly. He stated that the policy must be "black & white" and the employees trained to fully understand it. He stated that Wyoming Law does allow eighteen year olds to check identifications, however, the eighteen year old can be sited as well as the High Plains Pizza Corporation should a minor be served. Chief Chesser stated that the Police Dept. offers a "qualified server program" with complete training. They also offer the proper sign age, stickers with dates for identification checks and sample polices that need to be adopted regarding alcohol.

He stated the Police Dept. can train a “designee” and that person would be responsible to train new staff. He stated that there is a possibility of availability of beer going out of the drive up window, since they are only serving bottled beer. He stated that draft beer in a glass is more difficult to handle going out a drive up.

Councilman Madsen asked about the ratio of adults to minors on regular shifts and Ms. Franke stated that it is fifty/fifty at the present time, however, during the summer there could be more minors hired, which would change the ratio slightly.

Councilman Geile stated that Platte County leads the State of Wyoming in teenage drinking and Wyoming leads the Nation, so is easy to see why the Council has justifiable concerns regarding alcohol in an establishment that the patronage is a lot of juveniles and 50% of the servers are juvenile.

Alan Kanwisher was present and spoke in favor of approving the application, he stated that he has never experienced problems in any of the local restaurants that serve alcohol and he indicated that he had eaten in Pizza Hut’s that serve alcohol and it seemed to work well.

Police Chief, Chesser stated that the local establishments that serve alcohol have been very effective in handling it without any problems with compliance. Mayor Hensel stated that the license must be renewed on an annual basis and any non-compliance issues could be considered at that time.

Charlene Busk was present and stated that she and her husband have traveled extensively and ate at Pizza Hut’s all over that serve alcohol and they had never encountered a problem and she asked the Council to consider the application favorably. She stated that Pizza Hut has a corporate image to maintain and misuse of alcohol would certainly damage that.

Mike Dreher was present and stated that he was certainly in favor of the restaurant license for Pizza Hut being approved.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Allen and seconded by Councilman Madsen to approve the restaurant liquor license application for High Plains Pizza dba Pizza Hut with the restriction that it be limited to beer. Mayor Hensel called for a roll call vote; Councilman Evans - yes, Councilwoman Allen - yes, Councilman Madsen-yes, Councilman Geile-yes, Mayor Hensel - yes. Mayor Hensel stated that the motion carried and High Plains Pizza dba Pizza Hut was granted a restaurant liquor license with the restriction of beer only in Wheatland.

Mayor Hensel closed the public hearing at 5:20 P.M.. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on May 14, 2007.

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Mayor, Dean Hensel

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Clerk/Treas. Cindy Kahler