

**MINUTES**  
**LICENSE COMMITTEE**  
**January 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. On roll call, the following committee members were present: Ald. Kurkowski, Ald. Duchniak and Ald. Gehl. Also in attendance was Deputy City Clerk Christa Miller.
3. Ald. Duchniak, seconded by Ald. Gehl, moved to approve the minutes of 12/18/18. On roll call, all voted aye.
4. The Committee reviewed an original application for an Operator's license submitted by Amanda Caspersen, 1120 Lewis St., Racine, WI (Applebee's). Ms. Caspersen was in attendance.

On her application, Ms. Caspersen indicated that in 2015 she received a few tickets in Racine for driving without a license and another ticket for failure to report an accident in 2015/2016.

A police record check showed that Ms. Caspersen had a 2006 conviction for retail theft and a 2008 conviction for Battery Domestic Abuse (misdemeanor).

Ms. Caspersen was questioned regarding the omitted offenses.

The Committee discussed Ms. Caspersen's convictions, noting the absence of incidents in the prior 5 years.

Ald. Duchniak, seconded by Ald. Gehl, moved to grant an Operator's license to Amanda Caspersen, 1120 Lewis St., Racine, WI (Applebee's). On roll call, all voted aye.

5. The Committee reviewed an original application for an Operator's license submitted by Charles E. Watson, Jr., 10174 S. Janus Dr., Oak Creek (Kwik Trip). Mr. Watson was invited to the meeting, however, did not appear.

On his application, submitted on December 19, 2018, Mr. Watson indicated he had no prior convictions.

A police record check showed that Mr. Watson had been convicted of Possess Controlled Substance (ordinance) on 11/19/18.

The Committee discussed Mr. Watson's failure to disclose the Controlled Substance Possession conviction, noting it was only one month prior.

Ald. Kurkowski, seconded by Ald. Duchniak, moved to deny an Operator's license to Charles E. Watson, Jr., 10174 S. Janus Dr., Oak Creek (Kwik Trip) for falsification by omission of his application. On roll call, all voted aye.

6. The Committee was presented with information regarding the current Class A Combination license quota. The City controls the quota amount, derived from a formula based on population, and can amend, via ordinance, the amount of licenses it allows to be issued. Currently, the City's ordinance allows one license for each one thousand, five hundred (1,500) in population, or fraction thereof. This allows 24 licenses, all of which are issued and being used.

Aldi is currently building a new store at 6<sup>th</sup> & Drexel and has expressed an interest in obtaining a Class A Combination license for their new location. As all 24 licenses allowed by our current code are issued, the Committee was presented with options of keeping the quota as is or recommending a change to the quota to allow for more licenses.

Ald. Gehl indicated he is aware of two, possibly three businesses that have expressed interest in this type of license and, therefore, would be open to changing the quota for one license for every 1,200 or 1,250 in population, or fraction thereof, which would open up another 6 or 5 licenses, respectively.

Ald. Kurkowski advised the Committee that he'd be open to the change of one for every 1,200 in population, or fraction thereof.

Ald. Gehl, seconded by Ald. Duchniak, moved to direct Staff to prepare an Ordinance to present to the Common Council, modifying the Oak Creek Municipal Code, Section 7.84(i)1, to allow the issuance of one "Class A" license for every 1,200 in population, or fraction thereof. On roll call, all voted aye.

Ald. Duchniak, seconded by Ald. Kurkowski, moved to adjourn this meeting at 8:45 a.m. On roll call, all voted aye.