

**Osakis City Council – Special Meeting**  
**July 24, 2019**  
**7:00 PM**

Present: Laura Backes, Jerry Olson, Justin Dahlheimer, Keith Emerson,

Absent: Randy Anderson

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Rodger Larson, Neva Volkman, Jason Volkman, Jeff Rohde, ????, Teri Bense, Verna Toenyan, Carrie Roering, Patty Meyers, Bobbie Osterberg, Carol Oelfke, Brian Helberg, Bryan Danielson, Tonya Danielson, Kyle Kostrzewski, Cory Abers, Jon Backes, Mark Pomerleau, Kimra Boogaard, Nikki Nessman, Kellie Van Nyhuis, Steven Stixrud, Lori Stixrud, Jeanie Wolbeck, Alissa Wolbeck, Paul Hartmann, Dave Laven, Becky Hensley, Doug Oelfke

Meeting called to order by Mayor Keith Emerson at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Olson, to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes Absent: Anderson

**Public Hearing**

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear public comment regarding a request from Bryan Danielson for an On-Sale Liquor License at 40 Main Street East.

Danielson is looking to purchase the property at 40 Main Street East if he is approved for an On-Sale Liquor License.

The ordinance required a public hearing for approval of an On-Sale Liquor License.

If approved, the applicant must provide the following items:

- Restaurant License
- License Fee
- Liability Insurance
- Workers Comp Insurance
- Tax Information
- On-Sale State Application
- Buyers Card with the State

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Backes, to suspend the regular meeting and open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. All Ayes Absent: Anderson

Bryan Danielson was in attendance and informed the council of their proposed plans:

- Wants to have an On-Sale Liquor License.
- The name would be changed to the Bowling Barn & Grill.
- The food will be different from other places and will be a fun family place to be when it is up and running. It will be a place we can be proud of that we have in Osakis.

Mayor Emerson asked for public comments that were not in favor of the On-Sale Liquor License.

No public comments were made.

Mayor Emerson asked for public comments that were in favor of the On-Sale Liquor License assuming all that are in attendance are in favor of approval.

Bobbie Osterberg spoke – Lives in Alexandria and this would be a business you can count on and would be successful. Approval of the On-Sale Liquor License is key to the success of the business.

Hospitality businesses in Osakis – League of MN Cities Chapter 10 says council is limited to reasons why they can deny approval of a license.

Helps keep business in town and utilizes other businesses.

Carol Oelfke – former owner of the bowling alley states – cannot survive alone, need to have more than bowling to keep it alive. Will be good to have in Osakis.

Jeff Rohde is from Grey Eagle – If the building and business is not taken care of, businesses in that community will be lost.

Verna Toenyan stated that she likes the idea that someone wants to do something with the bowling alley. Kids want something to do when they come to visit.

Cory Abers (Osakis Chamber of Commerce) is in favor of the business. It helps having a vibrant business in town and helps our community.

Becky Hensley (OEDC & business owner in town) Feels it is a good thing the business will open and having a successful business for family events is very positive.

Terry Bense – Remembers bowling there and having it reopened would be great. It will be nice to have a place to go bowling. Having league bowling would also be good. Bryan and Tonya are positive people and will put in the effort to have it be successful.

Rodger Larson – An empty building is a horrible thing. Danielson will make it a great business, he is not afraid to take chances. If the On-Sale Liquor License is approved, they will do well.

Council Member Olson stated he was against approval. Another business is going to hurt any sales at the Liquor Store. An empty building is a terrible thing in a small town, you have your work cut out for you.

Olson said the upside to grant the On-Sale Liquor License, is to have another business open.

Council Member Dahlheimer – Feels nostalgic about the bowling alley and sees changes in small communities to get and keep these amenities in small towns.

Council Member Backes – Appreciates the public comments. One more business in the downtown helps all businesses stay busier.

Mayor Emerson – stated he was not in favor of approval of the On-Sale Liquor License. Approval is going to hurt someone else and has proven it will. The VFW and Liquor Store has helped this town tremendously and stated he has not changed his opinion but has changed his vote.

B. Danielson thanked everyone for coming and wasn't here to hurt anyone or any business. We want a business that we can brag about and this is why we wanted the hearing for approval. We can now have a purchase to make and address some issues soon on the building.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Olson, to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting at 7:24 p.m. All Ayes Absent: Anderson

No further discussion by the council.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Olson, to approve an On-Sale Liquor License for Bowling Barn & Grill contingent on providing the necessary items as listed above before an On-Sale Liquor License will be issued. All Ayes Absent: Anderson

Meeting adjourned at 7.58 p.m. All Ayes

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Mayor – Keith E. Emerson

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Clerk/Treasurer – Angela A. Jacobson