

The Town of  
*Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming*

LIQUOR LICENSE  
RENEWAL HEARING  
MINUTES  
**DRAFT**  
October 16, 2007

Present: **Boyd Siddoway, Mayor**  
**Kent Harker, Councilman**  
**George "Al" Redlin, Councilman**  
**Carol Warren, Councilman**  
**Jim Wheeler, Councilman**

A Liquor License Renewal Hearing was held by the Town Council at Town Hall on the evening of October 16, 2007. About ten people were present, including members of the Council, Town Attorney **Josh Smith of Bowers Law Firm, PC**, and Town Clerk **Andy Moffett**.

**Mayor Siddoway** called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m., and declared the presence of a quorum. After welcoming everyone, Mayor Siddoway led the recitation of *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

*A list of attendees (sign-in sheet) is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.*

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Councilman Redlin moved to adopt the agenda as written. Councilman Harker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

*The Town Clerk summarized the application:*

The application was a renewal application for a Retail Liquor License. The applicant was **Mr. Von Nield** (not in attendance) dba **Silo Lounge**, a room described as a 40' x 65' room in the SE corner of a barn at 1800 Cedar Creek Drive, within the town limits of the **Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming**. The term of the license under consideration was to begin January 1, 2008 and end on December 31, 2008, for a fee of \$750 that was paid when the application was submitted to the Clerk's Office on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007. An additional \$125 was collected from Mr. Nield at the time of the application to cover anticipated costs to the Town for the required publication of four consecutive Public Notices in the **Star Valley Independent**, published on September 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk indicated the applicant had furnished the required documentation of proof of at least \$2,000 worth of alcoholic beverage purchases (wholesale purchases by the operator from the Wyoming Liquor Division) during the current licensing period, as well as a copy of his lease for the licensed area for the term of the license period. The Clerk declared all aspects of the renewal application to be acceptable to the Town of Star Valley Ranch and that he saw no clerical reason to deny the renewal of the combination on-off premise retail liquor license.

The Mayor asked Councilman Harker to read aloud a September 20, 2007 letter from Von Nield to a resident in which the applicant indicated he expected his health to improve and that he intended to take a more active role in managing the establishment in 2008.

The Mayor asked Councilman Redlin to report on discussions he'd had with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department concerning any recent incidents at the Silo Lounge. The Department indicated that no calls had

been made or complaints received regarding the Silo Lounge.

Councilman Wheeler stated he had spoken with a representative of the Wyoming Department of Revenue's Liquor Division, Steven Simpson, who "would be inspecting the facility for the proper liquor license. He asked that I make sure that the dimensions of the facility are correct so that it would eliminate the possibility that he might come in and because someone was under age in the barn area itself he would have to ask them to leave." The Councilman continued, "I was looking here for a 40 foot by 65 foot room in the southeast corner of the barn, at the bottom of the page, and I wonder if that is a proper description of the size."

"That's the legal description that's been submitted three times consecutively," remarked Clerk Moffett. "There's no indication that the Town has verified or has had to verify the dimensions on the application in prior years."

Councilman Wheeler continued, "I think that his [Simpson] concern might be that the room is too big for what the bar represents, and that if he were to in there and someone under age was there, there would be trouble."

Mayor Siddoway said, "I think what we ought to do is heed that advance warning."

Councilman Redlin remarked, "We should ask the association [SVRA] and Von [Nield] to verify the dimensions of the area."

The Mayor asked when the application needed to be sent in [Cheyenne]. The Clerk indicated that October was the deadline for applications.

The Mayor indicated an email would be sent asking for verification or confirmation, composed with Councilman Wheeler's input.

"I think we should approve it conditioned upon verification and/or change of the size of the room," observed Mayor Siddoway.

Brief speculative discussion ensued regarding the actual dimensions of the establishment.

Carolyn Siddoway asked, "Some people take drinks out into the barn area, and kids are in the barn area. Does this pertain to kids in the barn area, or just in the lounge?"

Further discussion indicated that minors in restaurants are often seated in dining areas when adults have alcoholic beverages, but minors are usually prohibited from being in the serving or dispensing area itself.

Councilman Wheeler recalled, "In that same conversation, my question to him [Simpson] was, "Does that mean we can't have alcohol in that area?" and he said, "No, that simply means that you can't *serve* it in that area."

The Mayor asked Councilman Wheeler to research and investigate what things can be done and what things can't be done in the licensed area, and to report his findings to the Council, and to copy the Town Attorney and Town Clerk. Councilman Wheeler said he would do so.

The Clerk reminded everyone that the Town had comprehensive Liquor License procedural handbooks and regulations from the Liquor Division at Town Hall.

The Mayor asked those who wished to voice objection(s) to the issuance of the liquor license to be recognized and to state their opinion(s).

There were no objections heard.

The Mayor asked members of the Town Council to voice any objections they may have had to the issuance of the liquor license.

There were no objections heard.

**Councilman Harker moved the Town of Star Valley Ranch approve the application for renewal of the liquor license for Von Nield dba Silo Lounge subject to verification of the exact dimensions of the lounge area as shown on the application. Councilman Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Councilman Wheeler moved the hearing be adjourned. Councilman Redlin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The Liquor License Hearing was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

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**Boyd Siddoway, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Andy Moffett, Clerk**

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**Date**