



COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: March 2, 2010	AGENDA NO. VIII. A. B. 1.	SUBJECT: Special Events Permit Application Knights of Columbus
Department Head: Judy A. Egbert, City Clerk 		
City Manager:  Nathan M. Cherpeski		
PRESENTED BY: Judy A. Egbert		

Recommendation

Approve Special Events Permits for the Knights of Columbus as described below, with the stipulations made as documented in the attached letter from Chief Jackson.

Background

Event Description:

1. Weddings on April 24, 2010 and May 29, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
2. Application is for malt, vinous and spirituous liquor
3. Location will be at the Knights of Columbus facility at 1112 8th Street

Factual Findings

- Applicant has possession of the premises through a deed.
- Applicant qualifies as a non-profit corporation.
- The application was submitted in a timely manner.
- All applicable fees have been paid.

Stipulated Conditions

This organization has had multiple law enforcement issues during prior Special Events. Chief Jackson, Robert Jackson, and I met with Leroy Medina and Gabe Atencio on February 25 on this issue, and came to an agreement regarding conduct of these events. Please see the attached letter for documentation.

Issue Before the Council

Does Council wish to approve this Special Events Permit?

Alternatives

1. Approve the Special Events Permit application with conditions as specified.
2. Do act on approval. Determine potential reasons for denial, and set a hearing date.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Legal Opinion

No legal issues have been raised regarding this application. Counselor Schwiesow will be available at the meeting if needed.

Conclusion

Approve Special Events Permit applications with the conditions outlined in the attached letter.

Alamosa Police Department

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JOHN A. JACKSON, CHIEF OF POLICE

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City of Alamosa Colorado
City Clerk Judy Egbert
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Judy:

The purpose of this letter is to add additional mandates and restrictions to both the application process and liquor license protocol, to future special events applications for the Knights of Columbus facility here in Alamosa, Colorado. These points were agreed upon in meeting between Gabe Atencio and Leroy Medina on 2/25/10.

The Knights of Columbus facility has for years been applying for special event permits, which usually include the right to sell liquor/alcohol. In the time that I have been the Chief of Police, we have seen numerous instances where there have been fights and/or disturbances that can be directly attributed to both the sale of liquor/alcohol on premises and/or an overcrowding of people in the facility. Frequently, there have been instances that have gone out of control. On one occasion, in the Summer of 2009 the disturbance grew to where one person attempted to run over another person and actually struck the building with their vehicle.

Here are the mutually agreed upon points:

- Arrangement for a minimum of two police officers, three personnel if using GWI Security personnel, to work all evening events.
- Off-duty police /Security coverage will be coordinated prior to the special events application being filed with the City Clerk, typically 45 days.
- All liquor/alcohol sales will cease at 0100 hours.
- The Alamosa Police Department, at a supervisory level, retains the capacity to cease alcohol sales if the security and safety of the event become compromised.
- Knights of Columbus personnel will abide by all alcohol/liquor laws to ensure that no person, under the age of 21, is served alcohol/liquor.

I am concerned, for both the safety of the people who are attending these events

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and for the sanctity of the neighborhood. There is no question that we must be very cognizant of the past incidents as we look to the future where we can hopefully be able to not only support these events, but also work in partnership with the Knights of Columbus personnel to ensure the safety of all who chose to attend.

It is with these tenets in mind that I ask for your support in presenting this information to the City Council. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get with me.

Sincerely;



Chief John A. Jackson
Alamosa Colorado Police Department

