



AGENDA MEMO

MEETING NAME: Albion City Council

DATE: August 12, 2025

ITEM NAME: **CONSIDER REQUEST OF RAY BARNES TO ADD OUTDOOR SEATING AREA WITH ALCOHOL SERVICE ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY/SIDEWALK ALONG NORTH 4TH STREET FOR THE NEST**

PRESENTER(S):

RAY BARNES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This item was postponed from the July regular meeting. Ray Barnes was unable to attend the July meeting. Request as submitted is enclosed in the packet.

Notes:

- 1) The City allows other businesses to temporarily occupy sidewalk space on an informal basis, so long as pedestrian traffic is not impeded or negatively impacted. This case is a little different as I assume that in order for the NEST’s liquor license to cover this area as Mr. Barnes presents as his intention that some sort of permanent barrier/controlled-access will be required
- 2) The City Council denied a similar request in June of 2021 and cited specific concerns to that case. The issue was tabled by the council until the next regular meeting in July 2021, but the request was then withdrawn by the applicant prior to the July 2021 meeting. Here is an excerpt from the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting regarding the similar request.

- **CONSIDER RIGHT OF WAY GRANT AGREEMENT WITH HIGHWAY 14 BREWING**

*Council members reviewed the Right-of-Way Agreement. There were concerns that the decreased sidewalk space would interfere with ADA regulations; and could also be a fire hazard. Another concern was the proximity to the Theatre and kids. Councilman Dailey made a motion to deny the agreement. Motion died as there was no second. Councilman Johnson made a motion to table until the next regular meeting, second by Porter. **Vote: Yeas; Johnson, Porter, Dailey, Tisthammer. Nays; None.***

DISCUSSION:

MOTION: TO _____ REQUEST OF RAY BARNES TO ADD OUTDOOR SEATING AREA WITH ALCOHOL SERVICE ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY/SIDEWALK ALONG NORTH 4TH STREET

BY:

2ND:

ROLL CALL: Porter _____ Johnson _____ Dailey _____ Tisthammer _____