



Common Council Meeting

Meeting Date: September 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Hemp 1848 Inc Cigarette, Tobacco, Vape License Denial

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what, when, where, why)

Jerry McCoy, the owner of Hemp 1848 Inc applied for his yearly Cigarette, Tobacco, Electronic Vape license at the City Clerk's office on June 10, 2025. On June 13, 2025, the Clerk's office received a disapproval of license from Police Chief Dan Meyer due to omitting convictions for offenses he had been charged with on his application. According to sec. 134.65(1m)(a), Wis. Stats., a city may not issue a license under sub. 1(1d) unless the applicant meets all of the following requirements: 1) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, the applicant has not habitually been a law offender or been convicted of a felony unless pardoned. On June 23, 2025 I sent a letter both by regular U.S. mail and Certified mail, explaining the denial and how to appeal the decision. On June 27, 2025 I received an email from Jerry McCoy explaining that he would like to appeal the decision.

On June 17, 2026 On June 17, 2026, Jerry C McCoy, 30 S Main St., Janesville, WI, applied for a cigarette, tobacco, and electronic vaping device retail license with the City of Whitewater again. At that time the usual background investigation was conducted. On August 3, 2026, I was sent a denial from PD.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

July 15, 2025 the Common Council recommended that this come before the ALC for a recommendation and then bring back to Council on the August 5, 2025 meeting.

August 5, 2025, the ALC recommended to Council to uphold the denial. Mr. McCoy did not attend the appeal he requested.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1848 Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Application and Denial
Email from Jerry McCoy requesting an appeal.
Email from Clerk to Jerry McCoy explaining next steps.