

Good Neighbors Report

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee

From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn

Applicant: JBL LLC., /dba Marshall on 6th
910 Sixth Street
Jeffrey Lewitzke, Agent

Meeting date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Departments: City Development, Police and Attorney

License(s) requested: Class “B” (beer) and “Class B” (intoxicating liquor) licenses

Issues Discussed

Gambling machines on premises. The license application for amusement devices lists both slot games and pull-tabs. Attorney Arn advised that no gambling or gambling machines are permitted on the premises. Mr. Lewitzke assured Attorney Arn that his slot machines do not pay out in any form and only allow the user to win credits towards more games. If true, these would not be considered gambling machines under Wis. Stats. Ch. 945. With respect to pull-tabs, Attorney Arn explained that many of these are illegal under state gambling laws, but that Milkmen pull-tabs are specifically permitted under case law. Mr. Lewitzke stated that he will only permit Milkmen pull-tabs on the premises.

Business plan. Mr. Lewitzke is opening Marshall on 6th, a bar located at the former Pub on 6th. He is purchasing the building and does not intend to make any renovations. Assuming that all approvals are in place, he hopes to start operating as early as June.

Owner/agent experience. Mr. Lewitzke has approximately ten years of experience owning and operating bars in Wisconsin, including Marshall’s Bar in Cudahy (2005-2010), Anchor Bar & Grill in Wind Lake (early 2010s), and 8th Ave Tap in Kenosha (2022-present). He will continue to operate 8th Ave Tap, as well as Marshall on 6th, as the agent and primary person in charge of the premises.

Amendment to the hours of operation. Mr. Lewitzke amended his license application to reflect the maximum statutory hours of operation permitted by law, although he will typically close earlier than bar hours. The amendment has been included as part of the license application packet.

Police Department issues. There is no history of nuisance issues at this location. Sgt. Aukland reviewed standard police issues with the applicant, including but not limited to: 1) when to call for police assistance; 2) allowing easy access to video surveillance; 3) understanding routine tavern checks; 4) use of an ID scanner; 5) allowing immediate entry for officers; and 6) taking a proactive approach in dealing with crowds.