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TO: Mayor Ann Campbell and Ames City Council Members

FROM: Lieutenant Dan Walter – Ames Police Department

DATE: December 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Beer Permits & Liquor License Renewal Reference City Council Agenda

The Council agenda for December 12, 2017, includes beer permits and liquor license renewals for:

- Class C Liquor & Outdoor Service - LC0024787 - Aunt Maude's, 543-547 Main Street
- Class C Liquor - LC0029665 - Tip Top Lounge, 201 E. Lincoln Way
- Class C Beer & Class B Wine - BC0027076 - Casey's General Store #2298, 428 Lincoln Way

A routine check of police records for the past twelve months found no liquor law violations for Aunt Maude's.

The check did identify calls for service at the Tip Top Lounge that required further analysis. Tip Top had 3 disorderly calls for service, 3 public Intoxications, 3 fights in progress and one assault. Most of these occurred in the parking lot of the business. Several would have been difficult for bar staff to control or eliminate while others were a result of bar staff calling police after taking appropriate actions, such as refusing service to an intoxicated subject, were unsuccessful. The police department has had success working with Tip Top management and is currently working on solutions for some of the overflow of issues from the bar into the parking areas of the business.

Casey's is a very busy location and had a total of 68 calls for service over the previous year. Almost all of these calls relate to non-alcohol offenses such as thefts, accidents and general calls for service. The calls for service related to alcohol were handled appropriately by staff and not a reflection of any issues related to their liquor license and management practices. For example, an intoxicated person stumbled into their location and locked himself in the bathroom.

The police department therefore recommends renewal for all of the above licenses.