



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013
4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE was led by Commission Member Dale Vonderheide

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call: Liquor Commissioner Laurie Barra, Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr, Police Chief Greg Nelson, Fire Chief Kurt Nelson, Commission Member Dale Vonderheide and Commission Member Buster Hanley

Also present: Attorney Sue Bosich – Corporation Counsel and Sue McMillan, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Liquor Commissioner Barra to approve the Agenda, seconded Police Chief Nelson. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commission Member Vonderheide to approve the Liquor Commission Minutes of February 28, 2013, seconded by Commission Member Hanley. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Avanti's Dome – Dan Steinbach

Dan is an Event Planner with the Avanti's Dome – Dan stated he went to Tazewell County Zoning and now all land owned by Albert Zeller (Avanti's Dome) is under one address (parcel). His intentions were to only get one liquor license for the Dome and the ball fields, which serves beer, wine and hard liquor. Address will be 3401 Griffin Ave. Dan has plans for a lot of outdoor events at the Dome this year. Also the empty lot to the west across the street is owned by Avanti's Dome and this will be used for overflow parking.

Discussion:

Attorney Bosich will check with the Tazewell County Zoning if this was approved or filed. Bosich had a handout on Outdoor Events for liquor licensing. A new application was given for Dan to return to John Smock, General Manager and Albert Zeller. John Smock will have to come in for a background check. Would also need a map showing where alcohol will be sold on the ball fields. For outside events there will be restrictions. Police Chief Greg Nelson and Liquor Commissioner Barra reviews and approves the One Day Liquor License Special Event applications. John Smock, General Manager will need to fill out a One Day Liquor application for the Special Events. There are 12 One Day Liquor License Special Events issued per year. Attorney Bosich stated this will be a Class C Liquor License. There were concerns for why they wanted hard liquor out on the ball fields. No drinking in dug outs or ball fields and no coolers brought in. No liquor in the parking lot, open fields or across the street in the vacant lot. Questions were asked if they were going to use the ball fields in another fashion other than just for tournaments. Dan stated when they hold their Special Events for camping, concerts or other they will use the ball fields. It was stressed that when they have these Special Events that the

Police Chief and Liquor Commissioner approve those and they could require additional information or there could be additional restrictions.

Outdoor Events: Dan stated he will use Vital Security for all his events. They are police, fire, and active military officers. At some of his larger events he will have 6-8 security officers there along with bouncers and staff. If needed he will hire Pekin Police Officers. Dan was informed that Police Chief Nelson and the Liquor Commissioner determine the One Day Special Event how many officers would be required. Commission members stated he will have to have a secured area for the beer tent, could not be the whole area he has listed – no one under 21 without a parent or legal guardian would be allowed to go in. Dan stated this will not work, he wants the whole area, ball fields included to be able to drink alcohol. He stated when they have bands, people want to be right up front drinking, when they camp in the ball fields, they want to drink at their site. Commission is concerned about underage children having easy access to alcohol and being in the same area where alcohol is being served. Dan informed the Commission they would monitor this by having 6 to 8 Vital Security Officers there and if they need more they can call more in. Also when the Avanti's Dome has the 3 day overnight camping events, they have to follow State Law on curfew if participants are under the age of 18 and not with a parent or legal guardian. Dan stated the lights will be on in the parking lot all night and ball fields lights will be on as well. When they shut down the concession stand the lights will be off in the ball field area. Commission was concerned about the retention pond and the liability and how this would be monitored. Dan stated he did not think this would be an issue, but would have Vital Security monitor this area. Overflow parking would be used in the vacant lot across the street. Dan stated Ron Sieh told him he could park across the street in the empty lot as long as it's not on a daily basis. Dan stated this is zoned AG and now since he put all properties into one parcel with one address it is now zoned Business. Liquor Commissioner informed Dan this is not the case, he would have to go in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission to get this changed. He would need to talk to Ron Sieh.

Commission will do some research on outdoor Festivals and report back at the Liquor Commission Meeting on April 25th, 2013. Commission stated to Dan that they were not trying to throw obstacles his way, just want to make sure the Special Events are done correctly and safely. Attorney Bosich to check on the liquor liability insurance to see if it covers just the premises for the Liquor License and/or the Special Events or the whole property for the City of Pekin as additional insured.

2% Food and Beverage Tax

Nothing at this time

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned 5:25 P.M.

Next Meeting will be Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Gensel