



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 22, 2013
4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE was led by Police Chief Greg Nelson

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Attorney Sue Bosich – Corporation Counsel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Fire Chief Nelson to approve the Agenda for August 22, 2013, seconded by Liquor Commissioner Barra. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Liquor Commissioner Barra to approve the Liquor Commission Minutes of June 20, 2013, seconded by Deputy Police Chief Kaminski. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Nick Filarski and Mike Gardner were present. Their opinions remain the same as last meeting. They did not speak at this meeting. They asked when the sub-committee would meet to discuss selling of alcohol to gas stations/convenience stores. The sub-committee will meet on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 2:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Review: Twisted Spoke Saloon Corporation dba Twisted Spoke Saloon-Sammie Jones-251 Derby Street

This is a review of Corporation owner change. Dan Steinbach no longer is President/Secretary, he sold his shares of the corporation to Sammie Jones. All documents of shares purchased and new lease are updated.

Liquor Commissioner Barra made a motion to approve the Twisted Spoke Saloon Corporation/Sammie Jones as new share holder, seconded by Commission Member Hanley. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: Hibachi Sushi Buffet of Pekin – Mr. Lewis Lui

Liquor Commission Barra brought this to the Commission on whether or not to give Mr. Lui a refund or partial refund from his liquor license. Mr. Lui paid \$800.00 for a liquor license in April, 2013 for the fiscal year and never went down to get a State Liquor License and never sold alcohol at his location and was only open 1 month. Liquor Commissioner VonRohr states he does not think the Commission should get in the practice of giving refunds, partial or not. Fire Chief Nelson agrees. Liquor Commissioner Barra felt it was in the best interest of the Liquor Commission not to give partial or full refunds for liquor licenses not used during our fiscal year.

Discussion: New Business-Dustin Maquet – 200 Block of Court Street

Plans for a new bar/restaurant/packaged liquor store – business would target boaters at the Riverfront. Wants to put out signs down at the Riverfront for their business. Wants delivery service or use a Golf Cart to pick up customers to bring to their business to eat, drink or purchase alcohol. Mr. Maquet will have two store fronts, one for the bar/restaurant and the other for the packaged liquor store. Mr. Maquet would like to have a sitting area outside, possibly two tables to serve food and alcohol. Commission felt he would not be able to use a golf cart especially crossing IL Rt. 29. He would have to use a car or truck to pick up customers. No delivery service of alcohol. There is also a pizza place going in next door. Liquor Commission would have to look at the Liquor Code to determine adding /changing of Bars/Restaurants utilizing their outside store fronts to serve alcohol. Would have to consider only Bars/Restaurants that serve food and if the sidewalks are wide enough so as to not block the right of way. There would have to be a percentage of food sales to be shown. Commission feels this is a neat idea and likes the idea of incorporating the Riverfront. VonRohr will research the Peoria Heights area Bars/Restaurants that are allowed to serve alcohol on the sidewalks in front of their businesses. VonRohr will table this discussion until the next meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 4:00pm.

2% Food and Beverage Tax

Melanie, Wastewater Supervisor emailed Liquor Commission late returns on 8/20/13 and on 8/22/13 a letter that was mailed to Roxy's. Attorney Bosich will set a time with Melanie to go over the late returns.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fire Chief Nelson has been receiving calls to change occupancy in bars for Fantasy TV. The Fire Department will not do this. They built a wall inside the building for when they have the Fantasy TV and when not in use they open it back up. Would this classify as two buildings and so would need two liquor licenses? VonRohr to go inspect what is going on and report back to the Commission

Liquor Commissioner Barra asked about the remodeling going to be done at Schnuck's and if this will affect the liquor store? Fire Chief Nelson has seen the plans, but will look again on that section.

Liquor Commissioner Barra made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fire Chief Nelson, all in favor, motion carried. **Meeting adjourned 4:45 P.M.**

Next Meeting will be Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Gensel