



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014
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

Led by Fire Chief Kurt Nelson

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 Buster Hanley and Commission Member Dale Vonderheide.

Absent: Attorney Sue Bosich – Corporation Counsel

Also present: Attorney Burt Dancey – Corporation Counsel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commission Member Vonderheide to approve the Agenda for October 23, 2014, seconded by Commission Member Hanley. 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 August 28, 2014, seconded by Commission Member Hanley. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

2% FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX LATE RETURNS

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Aaron Rogers – Jac’s Dog House, 2024 Broadway. Concerned that there were 4 patrol cars parked across the street in the old Aldi’s parking lot. Not sure what business they had there, but it hurts their business/patrons don’t want to stop in when they see that. Police Chief Greg Nelson stated they had several calls on a drunk driver in that area; this is not their standard practice.

Nick Filarski – Broadway Liquor, 2100 Broadway. He stated the Liquor Commission Agenda was not the correct one posted on the City of Pekin’s web site or that it was posted on the City’s bulletin board in City Hall lobby. The wrong copy was made for attendee’s at the meeting, but the correct Agenda was posted on both the web site and bulletin board at City Hall.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

BYOB – handout was emailed to the Liquor Commission from Attorney Sue Bosich.

Discussion: Concern over the BYOP and certain establishments having activities and it being a BYOB. What liability is there to the City without having a liquor license? Would they have to have Dram Insurance?

Attorney Dancey stated the liability would be under the Speakeasy. If Commission decides to have another Class for a BYOB, then our Liquor Code would need to be changed. Attorney Dancey will do more research with the State of Illinois Liquor Commission and bring that information to our November 20th Liquor Commission meeting.

Shannon Cox – Speakeasy: Her long term goal is to have someone else get the liquor license to sale beer and wine only and only on certain nights that they have activities. Shannon stated she does not want this to be a bar, but a place they can come in on the nights there are activities and have a glass of wine or beer. Shannon asked until the Liquor Commission decides on what action to take if she can still have the BYOB. Speakeasy can continue with their scheduled activities until a decision is made.

Commission Member Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Next Meeting will be Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Sue McMillan
City Clerk