



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

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

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE led by Liquor Commissioner Barra.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commission Member Buster Hanley to approve the Agenda for March 26, 2015, seconded by Liquor Commissioner Barra. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion made by Liquor Commissioner Barra to approve the January 22, 2015 liquor commission minutes, seconded by Liquor Commission Member Vonderheide. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

**KOELLNER ENTERPRISES 2, LLC DBA ANNIE'S II
CHRIS SMITH
523 PARKWAY DRIVE
PEKIN, IL 61554**

Discussion: Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr stated they would need Inspections Department, Fire Department and the Police Department walk-thru's and have a land-line (phone) in the business before a liquor license can be issued. Asked the time frame she was looking at opening. Chris thought they could be ready to open in a few weeks. She will call the departments needed to schedule a final walk-thru. Chris will need to fill out the rest of the liquor application to add the Manager Kevin Wood and also provide any other liquor licenses by any State. Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr tabled the new application for a new liquor license until the April 23rd, 2015 Liquor Commission meeting.

**CORNSTAR, INC. DBA THE HIGH NOTE
CHAD BALL
431 ½ COURT STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

Discussion: Liquor Commissioner Barra asked about the unpaid fee's to the City. Attorney Bosich stated Mr. Ball was not on the previous liquor license and would not be responsible to pay those fee's and this would not

interfer with this new application. Chad was asked what his legal name is, since his lease stated he had two last names. Chad stated his legal name was Chad Ball. Deputy Liquor Commissioner stated that Mr. Ball would have to have final walk-thru's with the Inspections, Police and Fire Departments before a liquor license could be issued. Mr. Ball also provided a new lease, with the corrections on his last name.

Attorney Bosich stated that there were issues with this new application. Mr. Ball and his wife, the previous owner are going through a divorce. That liquor license is valid until April 30, 2015. Attorney Bosich had written up a form for her to come in and sign stating she no longer owned the bar. Attorney Bosich was informed by her office that she refused to sign that form. Attorney Bosich stepped out from the meeting at 4:15pm to call her office to find out why she did not want to sign the form. Attorney Bosich feels this would be a liability to the City if two liquor licenses were issued for the same address.

Liquor Commissioner Barra made a motion to table the new liquor license application until the next meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2015, seconded by Fire Chief Kurt Nelson. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

**ALDI'S
MICHELLE POMBER, DISTRICT MANAGER
3475 COURT STREET
PEKIN, IL 61554**

Discussion: Michelle asked if there was anything more that Aldi's could do to make this happen; where they can sell beer and wine at their Pekin location. She stated they would use approximately 48 sq. ft of space, have their own cash register and also restrict the area where sold. Michelle also stated there would be no name brand beers and wines sold.

Liquor Commissioner Barra asked Michelle if Aldi's Corporation could speak with the land owner of the building to see if they can conform to our Liquor Code. The Liquor Commission would have to recommend to City Council a change in the code for this to happen. The Liquor Commission will not recommend the change in the Code and no further discussions at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

There was no one present for Public Comments.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business. Liquor Commission Member Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Deputy Chief Don Baxter. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting Thursday, April 23 at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Paula Gensel