



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 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 Fire Chief Kurt Nelson

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 Mayor elect John McCabe

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Liquor Commissioner Laurie Barra to approve the Agenda for April 23, 2015, seconded by Commission Member Dale Vonderheide. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion made by Liquor Commission Member Buster Hanley to approve the March 26, 2015 liquor commission minutes, seconded by Fire Chief Kurt Nelson. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Discussion: Fire Chief Kurt Nelson stated that Jamie Evans with the Fire Department did a walk-thru today and there were still some things that needed corrected. Once finished Jamie needs to go back through. Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr will need to do his walk-thru for the Pekin Police Department for a working land-line telephone and video cameras for the clear view. Ron Sieh with the Inspections Department was out there today and signed off on the sheet that it was okay on their end. Attorney Bosich stated Mr. Ball's ex-wife and previous owner of The High Note did not come into her office and sign off all liability to ownership of that liquor license, so for the City's liability and possible legal issues, Mr. Ball would not be able to get his liquor license until after our renewals, which would be May 1st, 2015.

Deputy Police Chief Don Baxter made a motion to approve a liquor license to Cornstar, Inc. dba The High Note contingent upon final walk-thru's with the Police Department and Fire Department and after April 30th, 2015, seconded by Liquor Commission Member Vonderheide. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

There was no one present for Public Comments.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney Sue Bosich handed out to the Commission two new liquor ordinances to be on the Monday, April 27th City Council Agenda. Ordinance No. 2720-14/15 – Amending Title 3, Chapter 3, Section 9 of the Code of the City of Pekin 1995 Regarding Liquor Code. Ordinance No. 2721-14/15 – Amending Title 3, Chapter 3, Section 6 of the Code of the City of Pekin 1995 Regarding “Sober Server Ordinance”.

Discussion: Liquor Commissioner Barra asked if we could put a time limit on all liquor license establishments to get these video cameras in place rather than have most of them grandfathered in. The Ordinance is not written that way, but can always be changed at a later date. This would apply to all new liquor license applicants. Paula to email or mail out the new Ordinances, if passed by Council on Monday, April 27th, 2015 to all liquor license establishments. Liquor Commissioner Barra thanked all the members for their time and dedication and it is much appreciated for all of them to serve on this commission. Commission members thanked Mayor Barra for being the Liquor Commissioner the past 4 years and all have enjoyed working with her. The Liquor Commission then welcomed Mayor elect John McCabe. John McCabe stated he was on the 1st Liquor Commission board when created by then Mayor Howard.

Liquor Commission Member Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fire Chief Kurt Nelson. On roll call vote all present voted Ave. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Paula Gensel