



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

Liquor Commissioner McCabe called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call: Liquor Commissioner John McCabe, Deputy Police Chief Don Baxter, Fire Chief Kurt Nelson, and Commission Member Dale Vonderheide

Absent: Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr and Commission Member Buster Hanley

Also present: Attorney Sue Bosich

Commission Member Buster Hanley entered the meeting at 4:06pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Deputy Police Chief Don Baxter to approve the agenda for July 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 Fire Chief Kurt Nelson to approve the June 25, 2015 liquor commission minutes, seconded by Deputy Police Chief Don Baxter. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

No public input

NEW BUSINESS

**JUDI'S DELI CORPORATION DBA JUDI'S DELI
JUDITH PAULSON
312 DERBY STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

Discussion: Fire Chief Kurt Nelson met with Mike LaHood who is doing the remodeling for Ms. Paulson on Judi's Deli. Mr. LaHood was asked if there was going to be a kitchen – at this time they will not have a kitchen or serve food. Mr. LaHood stated he was misinformed on how the City of Pekin's liquor license application process works. He thought he could come to a meeting and be granted a liquor license before the building was ready so Ms. Paulson could apply for her State Gaming Machines. The Commission explained to Mr. LaHood how the City of Pekin's liquor application process works. Mr. LaHood stated he has pulled his permits with the Inspections Department and the building is ready to go. Mr. LaHood stated he planned on opening September 9th.

Fire Chief Kurt Nelson made a motion to approve the liquor license for Judi's Deli Corporation dba Judi's Deli pending final walk-thru's with the Inspections Department, Fire Department and Police Department, provide his liquor liability insurance and have everything completed within 14 days or will have to come to next meeting. Seconded by Commission Member Dale Vonderheide. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

MI RANCHITO BAR AND GRILL, LLC DBA MI RANCHITO BAR AND GRILL
JENNIFER LOPEZ
2217 COURT STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554

Discussion: Fire Chief Kurt Nelson stated he went to Mi Ranchito Bar and Grill and feels they have a long way to go before they are ready to open. Ms. Lopez understands all what has to be done yet and is waiting on the kitchen tile to be done so they can move their kitchen equipment in place and then call the Tazewell County Health Department for their inspections. Ms. Lopez doesn't think it will take that long once equipment is in and to paint and clean-up. Ms. Lopez stated they have an anticipated August 10th opening date. Deputy Police Chief Baxter stated he was out there today and from the Police Departments end, they are okay. They have their phone line and video equipment set up. Commission Member Hanley asked if not approved tonight can we hold a special liquor commission meeting. Liquor Commissioner McCabe informed the Commission he wants to stick with the one meeting a month. Attorney Bosich asked if Mi Ranchito Bar and Grill planned on getting the State Gaming machines. Ms. Lopez stated they are not. Attorney Bosich also stated that Ms. Lopez needs to contact the Inspections, Fire and Police Departments to do their final inspections before she is issued a liquor license and also needs to have the liquor liability insurance changed to include the City of Pekin as Certificate Holder.

Fire Chief Kurt Nelson made a motion to approve the liquor license for Mi Ranchito Bar and Grill, LLC dba Mi Ranchito Bar and Grill pending final walk-thru's with the Inspections Department, Fire Department and Police Department, have her liquor liability insurance changed to include City of Pekin as Certificate Holder and that the building will be ready to open in 21 days, if not Ms. Lopez will have to come before the next Liquor Commission Meeting scheduled for August 27th, 2015. Seconded by Commission Member Buster Hanley. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney Sue Bosich talked about the new state law regarding Happy Hour, suggesting that the commission become familiar with the new law. There will be a section that will have to be changed in our Liquor Code. Liquor Commissioner McCabe asked that Attorney Sue Bosich get all the details and supply either Sue McMillan, City Clerk or Paula with the information so they can pass out to the Liquor Commission and also to all our establishments.

Liquor Commissioner McCabe has two things he wants to discuss. First, he would like to go to a 7-voting member Liquor Commission. He will do some more research on this and present this at our next meeting. Second thing is to allow liquor to be sold in gas stations He will do some more research on this and present this at our next meeting.

Liquor Commissioner McCabe made a motion to adjourn.

Attorney Bosich asked if the commission wanted to establish a policy so the process of our liquor applications would be consistent. Liquor Commission is in agreement and will wait until Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr is available to discuss further.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Paula Gensel, Liquor Commission Secretary