



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call: Liquor Commissioner John McCabe, Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr, Deputy Police Chief Don Baxter, Commission Member Buster Hanley, and Commission Member Dale Vonderheide

Absent: Fire Chief Kurt Nelson

Also present: Attorney Sue Bosich

Fire Chief Kurt Nelson entered the meeting at 4:15pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commission Member Hanley to approve the agenda for August 27, 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 Deputy Police Chief Baxter to approve the July 23, 2015 liquor commission minutes, seconded by Commission Member Vonderheide. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Jon Flynn- leased the east portion of the building known as Gingoteague. He sent an email to City Clerk Sue McMillan outlining his plans which was then forwarded to the Liquor Commission. All of Mr. Flynn's questions were answered from his email. He will get with Ron Sieh in the Inspections Department to go over his plans of adding a wall and separate doors to separate the Liquor Store from the Convenience Store area. He will also call the Fire Department to find out about a sprinkler system. If Mr. Flynn has anymore questions he can call the City Clerk's office.

Nick Filarski of Broadway Liquor asked the Liquor Commissioner if there will be discussion of the change to the liquor code to allow gas stations to sale alcohol. Liquor Commissioner McCabe stated there will be no action taken tonight. He is still doing more research. McCabe will give the public plenty of notice when this will be on the Liquor Commission Agenda.

Casey's store manager Tara Davis was present and asked about the change as well. They are doing remodeling at their N. 8th Street store and was planning on adding a beer cave and they also bought the gas station at the corner of Court and Parkway. She stated they were also considering a third location on Veteran's Drive.

NEW BUSINESS

**TAY-CAM, LTD DBA FABULOUS TAYLOR'S
AARON ROGERS
2916 COURT STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

Discussion: VonRohr had gone out to inspect his building and everything was good on the Police Department end. The Fire Department and Inspections Department were good with everything as well. Greg Sparkman has an outstanding DUI that is pending. Paula to send Attorney Bosich their liquor liability insurance for her files.

Deputy Police Chief Don Baxter made a motion to approve the liquor license for Tay-Cam, Ltd. dba Fabulous Taylor's at 2916 Court Street, Seconded by Commission Member Buster Hanley. 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: Jamie Evans with the Fire Department, Ron Sieh with the Inspections Department, and Deputy Police Chief Don Baxter have all gone out and did their inspections. Jennifer Lopez stated that she is waiting for the underwriter to change the certificate holder to say City of Pekin and then they will fax it over to the City Clerk's office.

Commission member Vonderheide made a motion to approve the liquor license for Mi Ranchito Bar and Grill, LLC dba Mi Ranchito Bar and Grill pending her liquor liability insurance is changed to include City of Pekin as Certificate Holder. Seconded by Deputy Police Chief Don Baxter. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney Sue Bosich will be attending the IML Conference in Chicago next month and will bring the information regarding the new Happy Hour law. She will discuss this at the next liquor commission meeting.

Liquor Commissioner McCabe talked about the 2% Food and Beverage tax late payments. Paula sent out an email from Vicki Bass with Finance on who is late:

Friends Tap: April-July 2015
Pekin Amvets: July 2015
Roxy's: April-July 2015
The LeeWay: July 2015

Attorney Sue Bosich will send out letters to Pekin Amvets and The LeeWay. Friends Tap and Roxy's she will prepare a legal notice complaint on them not paying their 2% Food and Beverage tax to the City of Pekin.

Liquor Commissioner John McCabe brought to the commission his idea to go back to the way the liquor commission used to be as an Advisory Commission and also to add two more members from the public. This would leave the Liquor Commissioner as a non-voting member. The liquor commission then would advise the liquor commissioner on items on the Agenda for him to make final decision. Liquor Commissioner McCabe likes the idea of a Deputy Liquor Commissioner. VonRohr stated that he found the meetings turned into a 3 hour debate and we did not get a lot done and was hard to come to a consensus. Felt there was no real direction to the liquor commission as an advisory committee. Hanley and Vonderheide felt it makes more sense to have more voting members. Liquor Commissioner McCabe asked the commission to think about it and email him with concerns. He will bring a formal proposal to the next meeting.

Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Gensel, Liquor Commission Secretary