



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

Liquor Commissioner John McCabe called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

McCabe

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call: Liquor Commissioner John McCabe, Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr, Police Chief John Dossey, and Fire Chief Kurt Nelson.

Also present: Attorney Burt Dancey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Fire Chief Kurt Nelson to approve the agenda for May 26, 2016, seconded by Liquor Commissioner McCabe. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion made by Police Chief Dosey to approve the April 28, 2016 Liquor Commission minutes, seconded by Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Nick Filarski, Broadway Liquors asked if there will be any action today on allowing alcohol to be sold in gas stations? Nick stated that Casey's saying they will build on Veteran's drive contingent upon if they get a liquor license – he stated they just built a new one in Morton without alcohol. Liquor Commissioner McCabe stated today's meeting is discussion only, no action will be taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Amend Liquor Code to establish a procedure concerning gaming/liquor:

Discussion: Liquor Commissioner McCabe feels the Commission needs to take some sort of action. Gaming parlors are flooding our community. It appears that there are a lot of larger corporations coming into the City applying for a Class A beer/wine only liquor license for just the gaming. We saw an increase from 4 gaming parlors last year to approximately 10 this year and we have several pending applications. The City of Pekin doesn't have any rules and regulations in place for gaming parlors. The City Clerk's office has 41 Class A liquor licenses, 9 Class B liquor licenses and 5 Class C liquor licenses. Suggestions were made to check the City of Peoria's code on licensing gaming parlors and/or Galesburg's. City Attorney Burt Dancey suggested putting a moratorium on all classes of liquor licenses for up to 6 months until the Liquor Commission and Council can enact an Ordinance. Police Chief Dossey asked if we could limit the number of liquor licenses that just want gaming machines. Attorney Dancey said we cannot limit licenses for that, but we can impose a code like Peoria did on business's that they have to have a percentage of food and beverage sales before being issued the liquor license. Liquor Commissioner McCabe had given Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr's list

that he had researched and compiled on different cities and their policy's regarding liquor licenses for gaming parlors. McCabe had only heard back from 1 Council member. It was also discussed on raising fees for liquor licenses, amusement devices and possibly add fees for gaming licenses. Attorney Dancey will come up with a draft and discuss with McCabe so he can then present to Council, possibly as soon as the June 13th City Council Meeting.

Change code for liquor sales at gas stations:

Discussion: Liquor Commissioner McCabe was approached about some property on Veteran's Drive that Casey's General Stores were thinking of purchasing and wanting to sale alcohol. We need to do some more research on other communities. VonRohr researched a while back and some options and restrictions regarding selling of alcohol in gas stations. There would have to be a certain percentage of food and other items sold, hard liquor behind the counter, and would have to be 900 square foot or larger. Cannot be a small liquor store and will have to have a separate cash register. VonRohr will go back and check his notes and put together recommendations for the Liquor Commissioner for the next meeting in June.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Liquor Commissioner McCabe stated he will have two new appointments to the Liquor Commission and will adopt the resolution on the June 13th, 2016 Council Meeting.

Fire Chief Nelson informed the Liquor Commission that he noticed the building at 319 Court that was called Bina's Place is up for sale or lease. Several departments spent a lot of man hours on inspections to get the building up to code so he could open a bar for the gaming machines and now see that it is listed for sale or lease. Nelson also asked if Instant Reply turned in their liquor license to the City Clerk's office, he noticed their business is closed and there is a sign in the window for sale. VonRohr will call the owner about getting the license returned.

Motion made my Fire Chief Nelson to adjourn, seconded by Liquor Commissioner McCabe.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting will be Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Gensel, Liquor Commission Secretary