



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 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 4:10 p.m.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

McCabe

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call: Liquor Commissioner John McCabe, Commission Member Timm Schwartz, Police Chief John Dossey, and Deputy Fire Chief Brian Cox.

Absent: Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr

Also present: Attorney Sue Bosich

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Dossey to approve the agenda for June 23, 2016, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Brian Cox. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion made by Commission Member Schwartz to approve the May 26, 2016 Liquor Commission minutes, seconded by Police Chief Dossey. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Nick and Lisa Gandhi addressed the Commission regarding his game plan to build in the City of Pekin with the intent to open a coffee and wine bar with gaming. Nick and Lisa were told that the Liquor Commission can't assure him of guaranteeing him a liquor license. He was informed a license could not be issued until there was a structure and a completed application in place or submitted to the City.

NEW BUSINESS

**DISCOUNT TOBACCO WARE HOUSE, INC.
DBA LUCKY'S LANDING
WILLAM WARE
1211 COURT STREET
PEKIN, IL 61554**

Discussion: Notice the correct address is 1211 Court Street, Liquor Commission Agenda had 2111 Court Street. Attorney Sue Bosich previewed the application and did not find any issues. Fire Department inspected and was all good on their end. Inspections were out and they received their occupancy permit. Police Department went out and good there, have clear view, video equipment installed and have a working land line. They do have a manager in place that lives in Pekin.

Motion made by Police Chief Dossey to grant Discount Tobacco Ware House, Inc. dba Lucky's Landing a Class A liquor license, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Brian Cox. 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, IL 61554**

Discussion: Attorney Sue Bosch stated the Liquor Commission received notice from the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission regarding Mi Ranchito Bar and Grill, LLC dba Mi Ranchito Bar and Grill that their State of Illinois liquor license was revoked, therefore the City of Pekin Liquor Commission called for a hearing to revoke their city liquor license. On Monday, the Liquor Commission received notice from the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission that the order was dismissed. Attorney Bosich called down to Springfield and spoke with the Liquor Commission Attorney to verify the order and follow up on charges and fines. All was worked out with the State Liquor Control Commission and Mi Ranchito Bar and Grill. Attorney Bosich recommends the charges be dismissed.

Motion made by Police Chief Dossey to dismiss the charges on Mi Ranchito Bar and Grill, Inc. dba Mi Ranchito Bar and Grill, seconded by Commission Member Schwartz. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr entered the meeting at 4:30pm.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney Sue Bosich passed out a draft ordinance to the Liquor Commission for putting a moratorium on all Class A Liquor Licenses until the Liquor Commission can research more on this issue. Attorney Bosich spoke with another several Attorney's regarding gaming licenses. The Commission discussed gaming licenses and the perimeters thereof. Liquor Commissioner McCabe handed out the Illinois Gaming Report; we have 134 gaming machines with 6 licensed establishments being "gaming parlors". Attorney Bosich informed the Liquor Commission of several options regarding gaming licenses. Consensus of the Liquor Commission is to have Attorney Bosich draft an Ordinance on local gaming licenses. If the Commission has any other recommendations or restrictions to add to the Ordinance get them to Attorney Bosich. We will discuss this at our next meeting in July for recommendation to Council. Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr will bring the information/research he had done on the sale of alcohol in convenience stores/gas stations for discussion only at the July 28th Liquor Commission Meeting.

Liquor Commission welcomed our newest member Timmothy Schwartz.

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