

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY  
LIQUOR COMMISSION HEARING  
September 27, 2018  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A meeting of the Huntley Liquor Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, Village Board Room, 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Charles H. Sass; Commissioners: Ronda Goldman, Timothy Hoeft, Niko Kanakaris, Harry Leopold, John Piwko and JR Westberg.

**ABSENT:** None

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Village Manager David Johnson, Assistant Village Manager Lisa Armour, Management Assistant Barbara Read, Deputy Chief Mike Klunk, Director of Development Services Charles Nordman, Development Engineer Scott Hajek, Sgt. Amy Williams and Village Attorney John Cowlin.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Special Events Manager Barbara Read reported that the Village of Huntley regulates the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Village through its Liquor Control Ordinance, which provides for the issuance of certain classes of liquor licenses and establishes the number of licenses available in each class.

Staff Analysis

The Huntley American Legion Post 673 (Legion) requests to hold an Oktoberfest event on October 20, 2018. The hours of the event will be from 3:00 p.m. until close at 2:00 a.m. The event will primarily take place within the Legion and outside in the Honor Garden. The Legion is requesting to allow patrons to take their alcoholic beverages off premise onto Coral Street to sit in the tents (2 – 20' X 30' tents) that will be in place for the Village sponsored Trick or Treat 5K Trot for Special Olympics and Fall Harvest Fest taking place on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The area will be fenced off with no sale of alcohol taking place within the tent or fenced area and no removal of alcohol from the fenced area will be allowed. The tents will be removed Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The event will also have a German band playing from 3:00 p.m. until Midnight outside in the Honor Garden; however, Village Code allows outside music until 11:00 p.m. and the Legion will have to submit a Sound Amplification Permit. Therefore, relief is required to allow the extra hour of music outside.

If approved, the Village Board may wish to consider restricting the use of Coral Street to an earlier ending time.

Legal Analysis

The Liquor Commission is required to approve an ordinance allowing for the outside event and off premise consumption of alcohol on public property.

Manager Read reported that the approval of this request is subject to the Village Board's approval of the event on Village property which is on the Village Board agenda taking place at the close of the Liquor Commission.

Manager Read reported that Lori Nichols and Suzan Hoehn from the American Legion Auxiliary were in attendance to answer questions.

Mayor Sass asked if the Liquor Commissioners had any comments or questions.

Commissioner Piwko stated that the outside portion of the event should end at 11:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kanakaris stated that he had no problem with the music going until midnight and stated that if it's not busy then everyone will be in the Honor Garden.

Chairman Sass stated that ending the outside portion of the event at 11:00 p.m. is sufficient time and noted the TTF and other outside events are only allowed to be outside until 11:00 p.m. Chairman Sass stated that the Village needs to remain consistent.

Commissioners Hoeft, Goldman, Westberg and Leopold all stated that they agree with the outside portion of the event ending at 11:00 p.m.

Ms. Hoehn stated that they can live with the outside event ending at 11:00 p.m. Ms. Hoehn stated that they are hoping to attract a younger crowd.

Village Manager Johnson asked about the use of Coral Street. Commissioners Piwko, Hoeft, Goldman, Leopold and Westberg stated they can use Coral Street until 11:00 p.m.

Ms. Hoehn and Ms. Nichols stated that they have 300 tickets to sell for the event and their hope is to use Coral Street for the overflow.

There were no other questions.

**A MOTION was made to approve an Ordinance Approving the Outside Event for the Huntley American Legion Post 673 for the Octoberfest 2018 subject to the following conditions of approval:**

- 1. The outside portion of the event is to end at 11:00 p.m.**
- 2. Petitioner must provide proper insurance coverage and documentation prior to the event naming the Village of Huntley as additional insured.**
- 3. The off-premise alcohol can only be consumed in the designated fenced area on Coral Street.**
- 4. The petitioner agrees to enter into an agreement to indemnify and hold the Village harmless from and against any and all claims asserted against it arising out of said event.**

**MOTION: Commissioner Leopold**

**SECOND: Commissioner Goldman**

**AYES: Commissioners: Goldman, Hoeft, Kanakaris, Leopold, Piwko and Westberg**

**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**The Motion Carried: 6-0-0**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business to discuss, a MOTION was made to adjourn the hearing at 7:07p.m.**

**MOTION: Commissioner Piwko**

**SECOND: Commissioner Kanakaris**

**The Voice Vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Read  
Recording Secretary