



MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMMISSION
September 13, 2016

1. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Liquor Commission was called to order by Commissioner Renner at 4:00 p.m. on September 13, 2016.

2. Roll Call

Tari Renner, Jim Jordan and Sue Feldkamp Commissioners, George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Asst. Police Chief Ken Bays, and Andrew Coffey, Deputy Clerk.

3. Public Comment

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. No individuals provided comments during the meeting.

4. Consideration of approving the Commission minutes of August 9, 2016.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Renner to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of August 9, 2016.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

5. Consideration of the request from Philanthropic Educational Organization for women to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their September 30, 2016 event to be held at Davis Lodge.

Julie Payne, representative, addressed the Commission. Ms. Payne stated that Hy-Vee would cater the event. Beer and wine only would be served. Approximately 50 guests were anticipated.

Motion by Commissioner Feldkamp, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend at the September 26, 2016 City Council meeting approval of the request from Philanthropic

Educational Organization for women to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their September 30, 2016 event to be held at Davis Lodge.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

6. Consideration of the request from Kyle Korkus & Jill Young to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their October 15, 2016 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Kyle Korkus, groom, addressed the Commission. Mr. Korkus stated that Hy-Vee would cater the reception. Beer and wine only would be served. Approximately 50-100 guests were anticipated.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Feldkamp to recommend at the September 26, 2016 City Council meeting approval of the request from Kyle Korkus & Jill Young to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their October 15, 2016 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

7. Consideration of the request from Nicholas Blakey & Peyton McAtee to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their November 5, 2016 wedding reception to be held at Miller Park Pavilion.

Nicholas Blakey, groom, addressed the Commission. Mr. Blakey stated that Nelson's Catering would cater the reception. Beer and wine only would be served. Approximately 180 guests were anticipated.

Motion by Commissioner Feldkamp, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend at the October 10, 2016 City Council meeting approval of the request from Nicholas Blakey &

Peyton McAtee to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their November 5, 2016 wedding reception to be held at Miller Park Pavilion.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

8. Consideration of the request from Cole Larimore & Ashley Kennedy to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their November 19, 2016 wedding reception to be held at Miller Park Pavilion.

Ashley Kennedy, bride, addressed the Commission. Ms. Kennedy stated that Redbird Catering would cater the reception. Beer and wine only would be served. Approximately 150 guests were anticipated.

Motion by Commissioner Feldkamp, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend at the October 10, 2016 City Council meeting approval of the request from Cole Larimore & Ashley Kennedy to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their November 19, 2016 wedding reception to be held at Miller Park Pavilion.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

9. Consideration of the request from Caleb Cox & Chelsea Troll to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their March 25, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Miller Park Pavilion.

Toni Troll, mother of the bride, addressed the Commission. Mrs. Troll stated that Hy-Vee would cater the reception. Beer and wine only would be served. Approximately 175 guests were anticipated.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Feldkamp to recommend at the October 10, 2016 City Council meeting approval of the request from Caleb Cox & Chelsea Troll to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their March 25, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Miller Park Pavilion.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

10. Consideration of the application of Rosy's Grill Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Rosy's Grill, located at 912 W Market St, requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Fernando Martinez, owner/applicant, addressed the Commission. Commissioner Renner questioned whether that applicant had held a previous liquor license. Mr. Martinez responded negatively. Commissioner Renner questioned BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training. Mr. Martinez responded negatively. Commissioner Renner questioned familiarity with Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages. Mr. Martinez responded probably.

Commissioner Feldkamp questioned about adding video gaming terminals. Mr. Martinez responded negatively. Commissioner Jordan questioned the question marks next to several questions on the application form. Mr. Martinez responded that he was unsure how to answer them at the time.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, questioned how a liquor license would fit into the applicant's business. The applicant stated that he had a restaurant and patrons could have a drink with their meal if they has a license. Mr. Boyle questioned how long the applicant had been operating the restaurant. Mr. Martinez responded six (6) months. Mr. Boyle questioned current closing time. Mr. Martinez responded 9:30 p.m. weekdays and 11:00 p.m. weekends.

Commissioner Renner questioned packaged liquor sales. Mr. Martinez responded negatively.

Mr. Boyle questioned if the applicant had spoken to the neighborhood about adding alcoholic beverages to the business plan. Mr. Martinez responded negatively.

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to public comment. The following citizens provided comment.

John Redd was concerned with over serving customers who then would possibly remain in the parking lot creating issues.

Sylvia Ventura was concerned with the current noise and trash issue.

Rick Heiser, Vice President of West Bloomington Revitalization Project, believed the area was improving but still fragile.

Commissioner Jordan questioned police calls to the area. Asst. Chief Ken Bays responded that the area had a heightened amount of calls. Commissioner Jordan questioned the parking lot as a possible concern. Mr. Bays responded that it was an ongoing issue and had been for some time. Mr. Boyle questioned if the parking lot issues was linked to the applicant. Mr. Bays responded negatively.

Mr. Martinez stated that police had not been called to the restaurant since it opened. Mr. Martinez said that trash was everywhere. They would check the parking lot picking up trash as needed. Commissioner Jordan suggested that the applicant reach out to his neighbors.

Commissioner Jordan questioned available seating. Mr. Martinez responded thirty to fifty (30-50).

Commissioner Renner noted that this item would appear on the City Council agenda the first (1st) meeting in October.

Commissioner Renner questioned whether the applicant would agree to stop serving one hour before present closing time and have all his employees who serve receive BASSET training. Mr. Martinez agreed to those conditions.

Motion by Commissioner Feldkamp, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the application of Rosy's Grill Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Rosy's Grill, located at 912 W Market St, requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week be approved contingent upon 1.) all employees that serve receive BASSET certification within sixty (60) days, 2.) serving liquor ceases at 8:30 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 p.m. on weekends, and 3.) compliance with all health and safety codes.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

- 11. Consideration of the application of 8 Bit II, Inc., d/b/a 8 Bit Beercade located at 236 E Front St Suite 1, requesting a TAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Jason Pacey, owner/applicant, addressed the Commission. Mr. Pacey noted that he operated a tavern in Peoria, IL with the same business model. This was a tavern with retro arcade machines.

Commissioner Renner questioned BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training. Mr. Pacey responded that he and the manager had BASSETT training certification.

Commissioner Feldkamp questioned available seating. Mr. Pacey responded that the occupancy had not been determined. Commissioner Renner questioned the square footage. Mr. Pacey responded 3000 square feet. Commissioner Feldkamp questioned video gaming terminals. Mr. Pacey responded negatively.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, questioned operation hours. Mr. Pacey responded 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to public comment. The following citizens provided comment.

Harry Pratt spoke in favor of the applicant.

Tricia Stiller spoke in favor of the applicant.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Feldkamp that the application of 8 Bit II, Inc., d/b/a 8 Bit Beercade located at 236 E Front St Suite 1, requesting a TAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week be approved contingent upon compliance with all health and safety codes.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

- 12. Consideration of the application of Al Sagri Group LLC, d/b/a Garden of Paradise Restaurant, located at 1412 E Empire, requesting a RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Hani Alsagri, owner/applicant, addressed the Commission. There was a previous liquor license at the location for twenty-five (25) years. Mr. Alsagri had been associated with that licensee for most of that time.

Commissioner Jordan questioned BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training. Mr. Alsagri responded that a number of employees have had BASSETT training, the new managers would attend the training.

Motion by Commissioner Feldkamp, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the application of Al Sagri Group LLC, d/b/a Garden of Paradise Restaurant, located at 1412 E Empire, requesting a RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week be approved contingent upon 1.) compliance with all health and safety codes.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

13. Consideration of the application of Crawford's Corner Pub, LLC, d/b/a Crawford's Corner Pub, located at 610 W Chestnut, requesting a TAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Commissioner Renner addressed the Commission stating that this item would be laid over to the October 18, 2016 Liquor Commission meeting at 4:00 p.m.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted that staff had sent notices to adjacent property owners since there were a liquor license at that location within the last six months. It was later determined that given that this location is in a residential neighborhood, a notice of 500' was completed.

The following was presented:

14. Consideration of the request from Nick Hurley of Drifter's Pub and Josh Maubach to suspend portions of Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages, Section 22 Open Containers – Not to Be Removed from Premises, on October 22, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the special event A Noble Run, prohibiting open alcohol.

Josh Maubach, organizer, addressed the Commission. Mr. Maubach stated that the event was a 5k run fundraiser to be held in the downtown area for the benefit of Stop Solider Suicide.

Commissioner Renner questioned if the Downtown Business Association (DBA) had been contacted. Mr. Maubach responded negatively.

Commissioner Jordan questioned notification of all the businesses and residents impacted by the event. Mr. Maubach responded negatively. Mr. Maubach stated that the event time was chosen to be later in the day to lessen the impact on businesses. Commissioner Jordan questioned fencing to enclose the open liquor area. Mr. Maubach responded that they were open to suggestions, including fencing. Commissioner Jordan questioned security. Mr. Maubach stated that wristbands would be used along with a full security staff and volunteers.

Commissioner Feldkamp questioned crowd size. Mr. Maubach responded 300-500. Commissioner Jordan requested police input. Asst. Chief Ken Bays responded that fencing along East St would be preferred and that Officers would not be staffed for the event.

Commissioner Renner questioned the importance of the event date being on October 22. Mr. Maubach explained that on average twenty-two veterans a day commit suicide.

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to public comment. The following citizens provided comment.

Jan Lancaster believed that the businesses with the proposed event area were not notified. She questioned notification procedures similar to liquor applications. Andrew Coffey, Deputy Clerk, responded that there is not a City ordinance for special events involving liquor. George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, stated that when liquor licenses were created, City ordinance requires notices to be sent.

Tricia Stiller questioned turning in an application sixty (60) days prior to an event in the Downtown. Mr. Coffey responded that staff asks for same but there is not a City ordinance references same.

Commissioner Renner stated that a Special Liquor Commission meeting would be held on September 27, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. to allow the organizers the opportunity to contact businesses within the event area and work with the DBA.

Commissioner Jordan questioned the entrance and exit for the open liquor area. Mr. Maubach responded affirmatively. Mr. Boyle questioned if Mr. Maubach would provide the fencing. Nick Hurley, organizer, responded affirmatively. Mr. Boyle questioned if the organizer was aware that they will be in charge of trash. Mr. Maubach responded affirmatively. Commissioner Jordan questioned location of the beer truck within the open liquor area. Mr. Hurley responded affirmatively. Commissioner Jordan questioned food vendors in the open liquor area. Mr. Hurley responded that food vendors were invited, same would be placed in the run area.

Motion by Commissioner Feldkamp, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, that the item be tabled to the Special Liquor Commission meeting of September 27, 2016.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

- 15. Consideration of a change of Officer positions from Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC, d/b/a Circle K #129 1903 W Market St, #1210 1210 W Market St, #1211 515 S Clinton St, #1251 2302 W Market St, #1407 2412 S Main St, #1421 1206 N Towanda Barnes Rd, currently holding a GPBS liquor license which would allow the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week. Changes are: Matt McCure resigned as an Officer.**

Commissioner Renner instructed the Clerk to address the appropriate letter to the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission acknowledging same.

16. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Feldkamp to adjourn. Time: 5:21 PM.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Coffey
Deputy Clerk