



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

The **PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** was led by Chief Trent Reeise.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call: Fire Chief Trent Reeise, Deputy Chief Seth Ranney, Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz, and Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft.

Also present: Attorney Kate Carter and Liquor Commission Secretary Nicole Stewart.

Absent: Commission Member Judy Heisel, Attorney Katherine Swise and Police Chief John Dossey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz, seconded by Fire Chief Reeise to approve the September 23, 2021 agenda. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz, seconded by Fire Chief Reeise to approve the Commission meeting minutes dated June 24, 2021. Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz requested an amendment to the minutes stating that Mark Luft was an Illinois State Representative and not a U.S. Representative. Liquor Commission Secretary Nicole Stewart noted the amendment and revised the minutes. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

No public input was received.

NEW BUSINESS

Application: Gold Mine Gaming – 3261 Court Street

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr explained to the Commission that the background check for the manager had not yet been returned by the State as they were behind. Bethany Summers, representative for Gold Mine Gaming, requested leniency as the business had run into

many issues with the police department for the background check. Ms. Summers asked that a license be issued so that they could pursue a State license. Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft stated that fair ground could be reached and that he would make a phone call to see if he could speed up the background check on the manager. Liquor Commissioner Luft agreed that a special meeting would be held should the background results come before the next regularly scheduled meeting. No vote was conducted on the agenda item.

Application: Maggie May's – 119 N. Parkway Drive

Attorney Kate Carter explained that the only document missing was the Certificate of Authorization issued by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Liquor Commission Secretary Nicole Stewart informed the Commission and the attorney that the owner, Mr. Tim Tucker, forwarded an email from the State explaining there had been an error and the certificate would be forthcoming in the next week. Seeing no objections to the issuance of a liquor license, Liquor Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz motioned to approve the issuance of a liquor license for Maggie May's, seconded by Deputy Chief Seth Ranney. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Wild Aces, LLC – 319 Court Street – Residency Update

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr reminded the Commission that a liquor license was issued to Wild Aces with the contingency that owner, Stella Enev, would move into the area establishing residency. It was stated that she had now received her gaming license but she had not yet established residency. Owner, Stella Enev, explained to the Commission that due to family reasons she can no longer move to Pekin but stated she had no problem driving back and forth daily. Liquor Commissioner Luft stated that it was her intention to move to Pekin and relocate. Ms. Enev continued to explain that she was working on obtaining her fire marshal license. Deputy Liquor Commissioner stated that she would need to have a local manager that would need to have a background check conducted. Invoices for the gaming machines would not be invoiced to the gaming operator until a local manager had been established. Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft offered Ms. Enev the same consideration to call a special meeting to issue a license. Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr reminded the Commission that she already had a license so she just needed to establish a local manager before opening and before the invoices could be issued to the gaming company. The Commission gave consensus to allow Wild Aces to open once the background check was approved for a local manager.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft passed on a few compliments to all departments and committees. Over the last month a lot of positive input was received from the community on how well things were running at City Hall and expressed his appreciation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz and seconded by Fire Chief Trent Reeise. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole L. Stewart
Deputy City Clerk