



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018 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 4:00 p.m.

The **PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** was led by Liquor Commissioner John McCabe.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Attorney Sue Bosich and Liquor Commission Secretary Nicole Stewart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commission Member Timm Schwartz, seconded by Commission Member Rose Hasler to approve the August 30, 2018 agenda.

Motion made by Commission Member Timm Schwartz, seconded by Commission Member Rose Hasler to remove item V. Liquor Commission Minutes dated June 28, 2018 from the agenda. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried, the agenda was amended and approved.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Dustin Maquet addressed Commission Members and discussed lowering the pouring age for servers in restaurants from 21 to 18 to coincide with IL State law. Mr. Maquet proposed that the Commission consider amending the code to allow servers to twist a cap on a bottle or pour a draft beer behind the bar at the age of 18. He explained that all servers are BASSET trained, that they are already making the call to deliver the alcohol to the table, and believes it is just logistics issue for restaurants. He stated that it is common practice in bigger cities to stay at 21. Commission Members stated that we are home rule and we can be more restrictive but not less restrictive than the State.

The members of the Commission discussed how the proposed change would affect packaged liquor stores. Attorney Sue Bosich explained that the proposed change would only apply to restaurants and places that serve food, not liquor stores. The discussion continued that the ordinance change would not apply to bartenders but only servers in food establishments that generate 65% of food sales. The Commission Members discussed that this will help create employment for college kids.

Nick Filarski also addressed the members of the Commission. Mr. Filarski inquired about whether the proposed change would allow liquor stores to hire 18 year olds for stocking shelves. Attorney Sue Bosich stated that she would check the state statute on age requirements for stocking shelves. Deputy Liquor Commissioner asked that this item be put on next month's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Liquor Commissioner John McCabe announced a new resolution the Governor signed that deals with the State having more control regarding the sale of alcohol and asked Attorney Sue Bosich to take a look at it.

Liquor Commissioner John McCabe also discussed the recodification and if changes need to be made.

Commission Member Rose Hasler made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commission Member Timm Schwartz. Meeting adjourned at 4:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Nicole Stewart, Liquor Commission Secretary