



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

The **PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** was led by Fire Chief Kurt Nelson.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Attorney Katherine Swise and Liquor Commission Secretary Nicole Stewart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Dr. Timm Schwartz, seconded by Rose Hasler to approve the August 22, 2019 agenda. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Rose Hassler, seconded by Chief Nelson to approve the Commission meeting minutes dated July 25, 2019. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

No public input was received.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion - Class A and B Combination License

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr stated that the agreement was not to allow combination license for SlotSpot and Quickpic Liquor as it opens the door for every bar in the City to open a packaged liquor store. Dr. Timm Schwartz concurred. Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft added that the only reason it was requested was to decrease employees to one. Attorney Kate Swise explained that the combination license is becoming more prevalent to have a pour area to have gaming and packaged liquor, but this one is reverse. Commissioner Luft brought to the Commission's attention that stores like Hy-Vee could potentially come to Pekin and the Commission should know what kind of licenses we should be looking at. Deputy Commissioner VonRohr said that the way it is set up now is ideal, two licenses.

Discussion – Update on Avanti’s Dome

Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft announced that the Avanti’s Dome should be considered an event center and has therefore modified their conditional license to allow liquor to be sold and consumed under the same definition of premises as included in their state license which covers all 33 acres. Patrons will now be able to enjoy and event outside and rather than having to go inside to purchase and consume liquor, it can be done outside with having to obtain a one day liquor license. This is now opening the doors for more business and events that would not have come to Pekin previously. The modification was done to assure that the Dome would not lose an event due to rigid restrictions. Chief Dossey and Chief Nelson expressed concern that their departments would still be part of the process by requiring a Special Event application to address security needs. Dr. Timm Schwartz questioned how the license was modified. Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr explained that it is at the Liquor Commissioners purview.

Discussion – Update of Golf Course Class A Conditional License

Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft explained that the Pekin Park District contacted the Clerk’s office with regards to modifying their current liquor license to include all liquor on the golf course and the clubhouse to help generate more revenue. The modification was taken to the Pekin Park District Board and was passed. The next step is for the park district to reapply. Sunset Hills also requested to extend their current license to include liquor on the golf course. They were denied due to the timing of that request. Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr added that he believed it was the Park District Board that set the conditions on their Class C license and that he would be in favor of allowing full liquor. Attorney Kate Swise included that the Peoria Park District lifted their ban on alcohol and that the Country Club has coolers on the backs of their golf carts. Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft pointed out that events will go to the Country Club and not Lick Creek, Sunset or Parkview if they can have liquor. With no objections from the Commission Members, Liquor Commissioner Luft approved to go ahead and issue them a Class A license once they apply.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Liquor Commissioner raised the issue of cross referencing the chronic nuisance ordinance with the liquor code. That way if an establishment is a chronic nuisance it can be reviewed by the Liquor Commissioner. Chief Dossey added that their application for Special Events could also be denied. The suggestion was made that the first letter goes in the liquor file and to the Commissioner. Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr added that he was not sure if the Liquor Commissioner could take action on that right now.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Member Rose Hasler and seconded by Chief Nelson.
Motion carried viva voce.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole L. Stewart
Deputy City Clerk