



City of Pekin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 AT 1:00 PM
LIQUOR COMMISSIONER MARY J. BURRESS PRESIDING**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress.

Call to Order

Liquor Commission Secretary, Ms. Nicole Stewart, confirmed all Commission Members were physically present except for Liquor Commission Member Trent Reeise and Liquor Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz. Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress opened the Meeting at 1:05PM.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Mary Burress	Liquor Commission	Liquor Commissioner	Present	5:30 PM
Trent Reeise	Liquor Commission	Liquor Commission Member	Absent	
Judy Heisel	Liquor Commission	Liquor Commission Member	Present	5:30 PM
Timm Schwartz	Liquor Commission	Liquor Commission Member	Absent	
Adam Smith	Liquor Commission	Deputy Liquor Commissioner	Present	5:30 PM
Seth Ranney	Liquor Commission	Liquor Commissioner	Present	5:30 PM

Also present was Liquor Commission Secretary Nicole Stewart and City Attorney Kate Swise.

Approve Agenda

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith
SECONDER:	Commission Member Judy Heisel
AYES:	Commission Members Seth Ranney, Judy Heisel, and Adam Smith

ABSENT: Commission Members Trent Reeise and Dr. Timm Schwartz
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Approval of Minutes

4.1. Liquor Commission Minutes - Regular Meeting - October 26, 2023

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith
SECONDER:	Police Chief Seth Ranney
AYES:	Commission Members Seth Ranney, Judy Heisel, and Adam Smith
ABSENT:	Commission Members Trent Reeise and Dr. Timm Schwartz

Public Input

No public input was received.

New Business

6.1. Liquor Application: Highland Park CVS, L.L.C. dba CVS/pharmacy #6451, 910 Court Street

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Liquor Commission Member Chief Ranney
SECONDER:	Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith
AYES:	Heisel, Smith, Ranney
ABSENT:	Liquor Commission Members Chief Reeise and Dr. Timm Schwartz

City Attorney Kate Swise reported that the application review for CVS/Pharmacy revealed no issues raised by the background check or city staff. Liquor Commission Member Judy Heisel raised a concern specifically regarding packaged liquor. Ms. Swise confirmed that it was just for a packaged liquor license and clarified that there was no Class D license involved. The application was approved without further discussion.

Any Other Business To Come Before The Commission

Ms. Heisel recounted an incident involving her husband at Schnucks a week prior, where individuals were distributing shots of liquor and carrying them through the store. Ms. Swise clarified that there hadn't been a prior discussion but that the issue was now being raised. Ms. Heisel elaborated on the situation, mentioning individuals carrying liquor around the store and questioning the nature of "hot shots." Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith speculated that it might be a seasonal offering, while Liquor Commissioner Mary Burrese recounted a similar incident at a different store. Deputy Liquor Commissioner Smith explained that distributors often conduct tastings using shot glasses, but the content served may exceed what's appropriate. Ms. Swise emphasized the need for a Class T Rider, which pertains to both indoor and outdoor service. Police Chief Ranney inquired about the specifics of the Class T Rider, whether it's for a

particular event or ongoing. Ms. Swise clarified that it could be obtained annually or per day, with an annual fee of \$300. Liquor Commission Member Judy Heisel reiterated her concern about the incident at Schnucks, noting that despite age verification, alcoholic samples were being distributed.

Adjourn

Seeing no further business, a motion was by Liquor Commission Member Judy Heisel seconded by Liquor Commission Member Chief Ranney to adjourn. Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress adjourned the meeting at 1:18PM. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.