



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 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 4:10 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, Fire Chief Kurt Nelson, Police Chief John Dossey and Commission Member Timm Schwartz. Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr was absent. A quorum was declared.

Also present: Attorney Sue Bosich and City Clerk Sue E. McMillan.

Motion made by Commission Member Dossey, seconded by Commission Member Schwartz to approve the June 28, 2018 agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commission Member Hasler, seconded by Commission Member Nelson to approve the Commission meeting minutes of May 24, 2018. Motion carried.

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 Illinois State law. He asked them to consider amending the City Liquor Code.

NEW BUSINESS

APPLICATION 2 PIASANO'S PIZZA INC. DBA TWO PIASANO'S PIZZA

The application for a Class A Liquor License from Aaron Rogers and Tim Mucciante at 930 South Second Street was presented to the Commission for recommendation to the Liquor Commissioner for approval. Attorney Sue Bosich instructed Mr. Rogers on completing the application fully. General questions of the members were answered.

Motion by Commission Member Nelson, seconded by Commission Member Schwartz that the application be approved. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION: LIQUOR CODE TITLE 3, CHAPTER, SECTION 4, AND SUBSECTION 4 V.

Liquor Commissioner McCabe presented the City Council's request for the commission to consider amendment to the section of the Code for premises where produce, grocery, meat, or drug products are sold. Mayor McCabe advised that the Council was presented the ordinance amending the subsection concerning sale of alcohol where motor fuel was sold and the subsection requiring the separate entrance provisions for premises from which grocery products were sold. Council did not support the section regarding gas stations at the meeting on May 29, 2018 but did support the amendment to remove the separate area for sale of alcohol where groceries were sold and gave direction to bring back to Council with the revised provisions.

Motion by Commission Member Dossey, seconded by Commission Member Nelson to allow the sale of alcohol in the common area of premises where produce, grocery, meat, drug products are sold.

Discussion followed regarding making the sale more assessable in grocery stores but Council's denial of sale of alcohol in gas stations. Attorney Bosich asked for clarification if the amendment would also allow sales in such stores as Walgreens. Members indicated that the topic had been thoroughly discussed and a recommendation had been already made. No formal recommendation was made.

Motion by Commission Member Schwartz, seconded by Commission Member Dossey to postpone Recommendation until the next Liquor Commission meeting. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION LIQUOR CODE TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 6

Members received a draft ordinance regarding an amendment to the section C(I) deleting twenty-one (21) and replacing with eighteen (18) which would allow 18 years and over servers to open and serve alcohol. Attorney Bosich stated she had contacted the State Liquor Commission to find where in the State Code that it allows 18 year olds to serve and clarification on "pouring" and "opening" before Amending the City Code. Discussion followed on 18 year old employees mixing drinks, definitions for Bartender and servers.

Motion by Commission Member Schwartz, seconded by Commission Member Dossey to postpone discussion for further information until the next Liquor Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Commission Member Nelson indicated that the old Missy's Restaurant was out of business. He inquired if the licensee had turned in their liquor license. The Clerk reported that the present license issued to Marlowe's Hometown Diner, LLC was not returned and would expire on April 30, 2019.

Commission Member Schwartz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commission Member Nelson.

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk