



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

The **PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** was led by Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call: Police Chief John Dossey, Deputy Fire Chief Tony Rendleman, Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz, Commission Member Judy Heisel and Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress.

Absent: Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith.

Also present: Attorney Kate Swise, Councilmember Nutter and Liquor Commission Secretary Nicole Stewart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz, seconded by Police Chief John Dossey to approve the June 22, 2023 agenda. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Police Chief John Dossey, seconded by Commission Member Judy Heisel to approve the Liquor Commission Minutes of May 25, 2023. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Owner of The Clubs at Sunset Hills, Mr. Corey Campbell, explained to the Commission his challenges from a staffing perspective. Mr. Campbell explained employing 21-year old's to staff the halfway house had its challenges and requested that he could staff 18, 19 and 20 year old's throughout the summer.

Jason Herberger, the liquor store manager at ValuCheck, explained to the Commission that he wanted to hold a tasting event in the parking lot. Local breweries and representatives would be

invited to tell the story of their brewery. He would also like to have one or two food trucks along with live music on September 16, 2023 from 10am-1pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Amending Liquor Code Regarding Article II Section 5-2-17(b) Employees Under 21 Years of Age

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, explained the proposed amendment based on the request from the owner of The Clubs at Sunset Hills, Mr. Corey Campbell, explaining that Mr. Campbell was struggling to employ 21 or older staff particularly in part time positions. The proposed ordinance would allow employment at the ages of 18-20 in a licensed establishment to be servers and pourers. The proposed language would be a general allowance of employment with the exception of a person at those ages not being hired exclusively as a bartender or cocktail server position. Ms. Kate explained that the city had authority to limit the age to 18, 19 or 20. Ms. Swise requested consensus from the Commission on their recommendation to the Council to allow under 21 to serve and pour and the scope that would entail.

Mr. Campbell explained that they do serve 50 mL closed bottles for delivery on the course.

Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz stated that he would like to be as least restrictive as possible and grant Mr. Campbell's request. Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress also agreed.

The Commission discussed whether a 21-year-old would be somewhere on the premises either in the club house or on the golf course. Mr. Campbell agreed that there was always a supervisor on the premises 21 years of age or older. Ms. Swise stated she would revise the language to allow 18-to-20-year old's to serve in a bar, restaurant or club where it was not exclusively a tavern.

A motion was made by Police Chief John Dossey to allow 18–20-year old's to serve and pour in bars, restaurants and clubs and to restrict the age of employment in taverns to 21 and older.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Amending Code Allowing Class B Liquor License Holders to Hold Events Outdoors in Nonresidential Parking Lots with Alcohol Consumption

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, explained that the request was to have a product tasting in the parking lot of a packaged liquor license. Ms. Swise explained that the issue for a packaged liquor license holder was that the package license only allowed for consumption off premises. Ms. Swise also stated that the other issue was that the code prohibited drinking alcoholic beverages in parking lots. The proposed amendment would allow for a tasting rider to allow samples or tastings on the licensed premises which would include the definition of an Outdoor Sales Area in a parking lot conforming to the city's regulations. Ms. Swise also explained that the language in the proposed ordinance limited the definition of a tasting and proposed a fee of \$25 per day for a one day event or \$300 for an annual rider.

Jason Herberger explained that no sales would take place outside of the store and that the enter outdoor event would be roped off. Customers would then need to enter the store to make any purchases. Food trucks and live acoustic music would also be part of the event as a way to involve the community and let the community know what ValuCheck had to offer.

Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress and Police Chief John Dossey spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance. A motion was made by Police Chief John Dossey, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Trent Reeise to recommend to Council the proposed ordinance amending the code allowing Class B Liquor License Holders to hold events outdoors in nonresidential parking lots with alcohol consumption. On roll call vote all presented voted Aye. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz and seconded by Commission member Judy Heisel. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole L. Stewart
Deputy City Clerk