



City of Pekin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 AT 4:00 PM
LIQUOR COMMISSIONER MARY J. BURRESS PRESIDING**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith.

Call to Order

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith, confirmed all Commission Members were physically present except Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress. Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Seth Ranney	Liquor Commission	Commission Member	Present	4:00 PM
Trent Reeise	Liquor Commission	Commission Member	Present	4:00 PM
Timm Schwartz	Liquor Commission	Commission Member	Present	4:00 PM
Judy Heisel	Liquor Commission	Commission Member	Present	4:00 PM
Adam Smith	Liquor Commission	Deputy Liquor Commissioner	Present	4:00 PM
Mary Burress	Liquor Commission	Liquor Commissioner	Absent	--:-- PM

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

Approve Agenda

RESULT: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Commission Member Schwartz
SECONDER: Commission Member Heisel

AYES:	Commission Member Ranney, Commission Member Reeise, Commission Member Schwartz, Commission Member Heisel, and Deputy Liquor Commissioner Smith
ABSENT:	Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress

Approval of Minutes

4.1. Liquor Commission - Rescheduled Meeting - December 19, 2023

RESULT:	5-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commission Member Reeise
SECONDER:	Commission Member Schwartz
AYES:	Commission Member Ranney, Commission Member Reeise, Commission Member Schwartz, Commission Member Heisel, and Deputy Liquor Commissioner Smith
ABSENT:	Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress

Public Input

No public input was received.

New Business

6.1. New Applicant:

Cafe Cicero LLC dba Golden Nugget Gaming Cafe
533 South Parkway Drive
Pekin, IL 61554

RESULT:	5-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commission Member Reeise
SECONDER:	Commission Member Schwartz
AYES:	Commission Member Ranney, Commission Member Reeise, Commission Member Schwartz, Commission Member Heisel, and Deputy Liquor Commissioner Smith
ABSENT:	Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, reviewed the applicant's materials and confirmed that everything was in order, with the checklist signed off by the Building Department, Fire Department and Police Departments.

Police Chief Seth Ranney noted that the name listed on the application was Cafe Cicero LLC. City Attorney Swise clarified that Cafe Cicero was the entity set to receive the license, but would operate under the name Golden Nugget Gaming Cafe.

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith mentioned sending out a letter to inform license holders of the changes to the liquor code regarding the newly implemented tasting rider as some locations were conducting tastings without

a rider. Police Chief Ranney felt that considering Schnuck's made \$2.6M in liquor sales last year they should be required to apply for a Tasting Rider. It was agreed from the Commission that correspondence go out to the existing license holders making them aware of the changes to the liquor code. Chief Ranney brought attention to the importance of regulating pouring and consumption on premises from the police department's perspective, expressing a vested interest in ensuring compliance. Chief Ranney also emphasized the need for voluntary compliance but acknowledged the commission's authority to enforce regulations when necessary. Suggestions were made regarding communication methods for informing license holders of changes, including group mail or email, and potentially updating the city code. Kate reiterated the responsibility of licensees in adhering to regulations.

Any Other Business To Come Before The Council

Adjourn

RESULT:	5-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commission Member Reeise
SECONDER:	Commission Member Ranney
AYES:	Commission Member Ranney, Commission Member Reeise, Commission Member Schwartz, Commission Member Heisel, and Deputy Liquor Commissioner Smith
ABSENT:	Liquor Commissioner Mary Burrese

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:26 PM.