



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

This was a remote meeting held via "zoom meetings" and in person. You were able to listen to the meeting and submit comments during the time for public comments by sending a direct message to the meeting host using zoom meetings.

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

The **PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** was led by Chief Trent Reeise.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call: Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr, Fire Chief Trent Reeise, Police Deputy Chief Jeff Little, and Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz. Commission Member Judy Heisel arrived late at 4:12 P.M.

Also present: Attorney Katherine Swise, Liquor Commission Secretary Nicole Stewart, and City Clerk Sue McMillan.

Absent: Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft and Chief John Dossey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz, seconded by Fire Chief Trent Reeise to approve the April 22, 2021 agenda. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Fire Chief Trent Reeise, seconded by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz to approve the Commission meeting minutes dated March 25, 2020. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

No public input was received.

OLD BUSINESS

Application: Lucky Obryans Slot Spot I, Inc., 17 S. 2nd Street

The agenda item was initially tabled on March 25, 2021 to the next meeting to allow additional time for Owner Christopher Johnson's background check to return. The background was returned and reviewed by Police Chief John Dossey, Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr and City Attorney Kate Swise with no concerns being presented. Commission

members recommended issuing a liquor license to Lucky Obryans Slot Spot, Inc. A motion was made by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz to approve the application for a liquor license, seconded by Fire Chief Trent Reeise. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Application Renewal: South Side Bait and Tackle, 921 S. 2nd Street

City Attorney Kate Swise explained that the licensee was required to submit receipts and inventory to the Liquor Commission Secretary, Nicole Stewart, to confirm that the primary source of sales were from liquor. The sales documentation submitted confirmed that over 51% of sales was from liquor. Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr applauded the business on their success and complimented the store. Co-owner Jeff Lance announced to the Commission that he had \$5,000 in total sales the first month and \$4,000 of those sales were from liquor. A motion was made by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz seconded by Fire Chief Trent Reeise to approve the renewal for a liquor license to South Side Bait and Tackle. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Application Renewal: Ginger Asian Bistro, 3560 Court Street

Applicant and owner, Jinyan Chen, explained to the Commission that the property lease for Ginger Asian Bistro expired on November 30, 2021 and was denied an extension through April 30, 2022, required by the liquor code, by their landlord. Ms. Chen explained that their current monthly rent was \$3,225 and was currently negotiating to reduce the monthly rent with the property owner. City Attorney, Kate Swise, suggested that a liquor license be issued through the lease expiration of November 30, 2021 to help accommodate hard times during the pandemic. Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr stated that a new lease would have to be submitted through April 30, 2022 to extend the license after November 30, 2021. Commission Members agreed. A motion was made by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz seconded by Fire Chief Trent Reeise to issue a liquor license with a prorated fee to Ginger Asian Bistro for 7 months, expiring November 30, 2021. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Christopher Johnson, owner of Lucky Obryans, thanked the Commission for issuing a license and stated that it had been a long hard battle.

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr announced that he would be conducting Bassett Training at City Hall on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 8-12pm.

Motion to adjourn by Fire Chief Trent Reeise and seconded by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole L. Stewart
Deputy City Clerk