



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 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 4:05 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call: Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr, Fire Chief Trent Reeise, Police Chief John Dossey, Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz and Commission Member Judy Heisel.

Also present: Attorney Katherine Swise, Liquor Commission Secretary Nicole Stewart, and Fire Captain Jamie Evans.

Absent: Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Chief John Dossey, seconded by Commission Member Judy Heisel to approve the March 25, 2021 agenda. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz, seconded by Fire Chief Trent Reeise to approve the Commission meeting minutes dated November 5, 2020. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

No public input was received.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr explained that the background check on owner Christopher Johnson had not been returned from the State and therefore a liquor license could not

be issued. A motion was made by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz to table the application for a liquor license to Lucky Obryans until the next meeting seconded by Fire Chief Trent Reeise. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Application: Wild Aces, Inc., 319 Court Street

Attorney Kate Swise explained that the only issue with the applicant was that she did not meet the residency requirement. Owner of Wild Aces, Inc., Ms. Stanislava Enev explained that she was currently looking for a residence in Pekin. Ms. Enev explained that she planned on being the manager on premises and that it will still be awhile before she would open due to the wait to receive a gaming license. Commission members discussed the possibility of issuing a liquor license with the condition of Ms. Enev moving into the city limits prior to opening. A motion was made by Police Chief Dossey seconded by Fire Chief Trent Reeise to issue and approve a liquor license contingent on the owner, Ms. Stanislava Enev moving into city limits. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Discussion: Ol'Dads, LLC, 1010 S. 2nd Street

Owner of Ol'Dads, LLC, Mr. Scott Wallace, requested that the Commission issue a license contingent on paving the parking lot to meet code. Mr. Wallace stated that it will be done no later than July 31, 2021. Mr. Wallace also informed the Commission that blacktop was not being produced due to the pandemic. Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr explained that the city was no longer issuing contingent licenses and stated that the work on the parking lot would need to be completed before a liquor license would be issued. Police Chief John Dossey explained that upon inspections of the premises there were code violations with regard to the parking lot and ADA compliance and the city was requiring the property to meet code because the building sat vacant for longer than a year. Attorney Kate Swise informed Mr. Wallace that it was his obligation to meet the Illinois Access Code along with City Code. Mr. Wallace stated that the owner of the building was willing to make the improvements to meet code but he was unaware as to where the boundaries lied. Mr. Wallace described the parking lot as 20 x 20 feet. Deputy Liquor Commissioner advised Mr. Wallace to hire a contractor to avoid any problems at a final walk-thru. The Liquor Commission members gave consensus that Mr. Wallace could come back before the Commission once the code requirements were met.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Commission Member, Dr. Timm Schwartz reminded members of the liquor license coming up for renewal for South Side Bait & Tackle. Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr informed the members that he spoke to the owner and that business was going very well. Attorney Kate Swise stated that the owner, Mr. Jeff Lance, needed to provide receipts and inventory to the Liquor Commission Secretary, Ms. Nicole Stewart for the Liquor Commission meeting in April upon renewal of a license.

Commission Members discussed whether the proposed gaming café located at 3251 Court Street was too close in proximity to the new marijuana dispensary located at 3248 Court Street. Attorney Kate Swise advised the Commission that marijuana dispensaries did not put restrictions in the new law and that dispensaries could not be 150 feet between each other. Ms. Swise added that the State gaming code might restrict where gaming could be located but nothing about where a dispensary could go next to gaming.

Motion to adjourn by Chief John Dossey and seconded by Dr. Timm Schwartz. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole L. Stewart
Deputy City Clerk