



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022 AT 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The **PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** was led by Commission Member Timm Schwartz.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Commission Member Judy Heisel and Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Chief Dossey, seconded by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz to approve the February 24, 2022 agenda. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Councilmember Nutter spoke regarding the removal of the VG Rider and how the State of Illinois had enacted a new law that all fees regarding video gaming would be split 50/50 between the establishment and the operator. Councilmember Nutter also spoke in favor of allowing the sale of alcoholic liquor in gas stations.

Steve Sangalli spoke regarding the new law that splits the video gaming fees with the establishment and spoke against liquor in gas stations as it would take away from small businesses.

NEW BUSINESS

Application: BPO Elks Lodge #1271, 320 Derby Street

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr explained that the background check had come back for the local manager with no concerns. A motion was made by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz seconded by Chief Reeise to approve the liquor license for BPO Elks Lodge #1271. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Recommendation on Modification of the Liquor Code Re: Sale of Liquor in Gas Stations

City Attorney Ms. Kate Swise reminded the Commission of the City Code that excluded the sale of liquor in gas stations. Ms. Swise proposed to delete the exceptions to the sale of liquor in the code in its entirety allowing for the sale of liquor in salons, gas stations, etc. Deputy Liquor Commissioner Von Rohr stated that the Commission had already decided to allow it and it was up to Council to approve the recommendation or to deny it. The discussion continued regarding the laws that would allow video gaming in gas stations only if it were considered a truck stop. Commission felt no vote should be taken as the Commission had previously given a recommendation to allow the sale of liquor in gas stations.

Recommendation on Modification of the Liquor Code Re: Video Gaming Fees

City Attorney Ms. Kate Swise explained to the Commission that the City had added a registration fee for each terminal that would need to be registered for video gaming two years ago in the amount of \$1,000 per terminal. The ordinance was specific in that the terminal operator was responsible for the fee as it was Council's intention not to impose the fee on the establishment. The December the State passed a new law stating that any fees imposed on video gaming shall be split equally between the terminal operator and the business establishment. The Video Gaming Rider fee of \$250 was proposed to be eliminated but the rider would still be issued with no fee. A motion was made by Chief Trent Reese seconded by Dr. Timm Schwartz to recommend removing the \$250 VG Rider fee imposed on business establishments with video gaming. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

City Attorney Ms. Kate Swise updated the Commission regarding the ordinance passed by Council modifying the city code to allow the delivery of packaged liquor. The changes did not allow the municipality to be more restrictive. Cocktails to go was still allowed in addition to the delivery of packaged liquor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Deputy Liquor Commissioner VonRohr and seconded by Fire Chief Trent Reese. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole L. Stewart
Deputy City Clerk