



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018 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 4:07 p.m.

The **PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mayor John McCabe.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present for roll call: Liquor Commissioner John McCabe, Police Chief John Dossey, Fire Chief Kurt Nelson, Liquor Commission Member Rick VonRohr, Liquor Commission Member Rose Hasler and Commission Member Timm Schwartz.

Also present: Attorney Sue Bosich.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Liquor Commissioner John McCabe, seconded by Police Dossey to approve the February 22, 2018 Agenda. On roll call vote present voted Aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES**

Motion made by Fire Chief Nelson, seconded by Liquor Commission Member Tim Schwartz to approve the November 30, 2017 Liquor Commission minutes. On roll call vote present voted Aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Application submitted for Lucky Spirits Video Gaming at 1100 Derby Street Suite E.

Discussion: Sue Bosich spoke with Brenda Meister on February 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year regarding her application. The concerns were that we needed a letter of intent before the Commission Meeting and needed the insurance policy for issuing the license. The changes to the liquor application was emailed to City Clerk, Sue McMillan. A license will not be issued until we receive the insurance policy. Brenda Meister indicated that it is being faxed now. Mayor McCabe indicated that Police and Fire has checked off. It was included in the record that there are things on the checklist that state "will be completed" closer to the time they open. The occupancy number will be determined right before opening. That way if changes occur the Fire Chief will come back and measure. She is requesting five machines and does not plan on opening until April or when she receives her gaming license. Fire Chief Nelson stated that businesses want their gaming license but need their liquor license first.

Motion made by Liquor Commission Member Timm Schwartz to grant the liquor license for Lucky Spirits Gaming, seconded by Commission Member Rose Hasler. On roll call vote present, all voted Aye. Motion carried.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Attorney Sue Bosich: Discussion on issuing a liquor license 3 months before anticipating opening. Fire Chief Nelson indicated that we do need a checklist in place to alleviate any issues. Before we issue a contingency letter to businesses so they can receive their loan everything in the packet would need to be finalized first and then a license would be issued. Two weeks before the meeting they will need a completed application. Brenda Meister's application was not completed until today. It is not unreasonable to ask.

Commission Member Rick VonRohr: Discussion of emails received of businesses that close. It is time consuming to find bar owners who have closed their businesses. If they were to re-open he would go in and pull their license then not when they close. Attorney Sue Bosich agrees that we would not take away their license if they anticipate re-opening as long as the City and the police department are aware.

Attorney Sue Bosich: Brenda Meister thought she was getting a liquor license for full liquor, not beer & wine. Ms. Meister would like a full liquor license. It is more of an expense and we would be prorating for it for two months. The application indicates only Class A and the box for full liquor was not checked on her application. A new license will be printed and issued.

Mayor John McCabe: Discussion regarding letter from Casey's inquiring changes to City Liquor Ordinance allowing packaged liquor beer and wine license. Casey's would like to be considered for a license when the option is available. They have indicated that they might build a new store on Broadway. It was indicated that the City is missing out on receiving sales tax revenue. The Liquor Commission should make a consensus on this matter. Commission Member VonRohr suggested that this matter be put on the agenda and brought to Council for a recommendation. Gas stations come into the City a few times a year and we should move forward. Chief Dossey is concerned with issues at the grocery store selling in a separate space and not allowing for displays. Mayor McCabe suggesting that if we move forward we would have to alter the code for grocery stores as well. Commission Member VonRohr discussed that they looked at how other communities offered sale of liquor based on square footage. Liquor Commissioner McCabe suggested we discuss this and put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Attorney Sue Bosich and Commission Member VonRohr will discuss putting an ordinance together to present at the next meeting.

Liquor Commissioner McCabe discussed the upcoming downtown events this summer put on by Pekin Main Street and allowing people to walk outside with a plastic cup of alcohol in a sectioned area. This would require an ordinance change. Commission Member VonRohr indicated that it promotes downtown. A special use one day license would have to be issued.

Commission Member VonRohr entertained a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Nicole Stewart, Liquor Commission Secretary