



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, APRIL 25, 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

Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress, confirmed all Commission Members were physically present except for Commission Members Schwartz and Heisel. Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress declared a quorum and opened the meeting at 4:05 PM.

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

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Seth Ranney	Liquor Commission	Commission Member	Present	4:00 PM
Tony Rendleman - Designee	City of Pekin	Commission Member	Present	4:00 PM
Timm Schwartz	City of Pekin	Commission Member	Absent	4:00 PM
Judy Heisel	City of Pekin	Commission Member	Absent	4:00 PM
Adam Smith	City of Pekin	Deputy Liquor Commissioner	Present	4:00 PM
Mary Burress	City of Pekin	Liquor Commissioner	Present	4:00 PM

Approve Agenda

RESULT: 3-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith
SECONDER: Commission Member Ranney
AYES: Commission Member Ranney, Commission Member Rendleman, and

	Deputy Liquor Commissioner Smith
ABSENT:	Commission Member Schwartz, Commission Member Heisel

Approval of Minutes

4.1. Minutes from the February 22, 2024 Meeting

RESULT:	3-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commission Member Deputy Chief Tony Rendleman
SECONDER:	Commission Member Police Chief Seth Ranney
AYES:	Commission Member Police Chief Ranney, Commission Member Deputy Fire Chief Rendleman, Deputy Liquor Commissioner Smith
ABSENT:	Commission Member Schwartz and Commission Member Heisel

Public Input

No public input was received.

New Business

6.1. Application Renewal: Ginger Asian Bistro - Request to Waive Lease Requirement

Owner of Ginger Asian Bistro, Jinyan Chen, explained to the Commission that her husband was recently hurt and that the building lease expires at the end of the year on December 31, 2024. She requested that the Commission waive the lease requirement as outlined in the City Code as she was going to have to close her doors until her husband had recovered.

Commission Member Police Chief Seth Ranney inquired whether the Commission had ever granted this type of waiver in the past.

Liquor Commissioner Secretary, Nicole Stewart, confirmed that the Commission had granted such a waiver once before only issuing a conditional license through their lease end date.

City Attorney Kate Swise explained that a waiver would be a condition of the license essentially expiring on December 31, 2024. Should the business relocate, a new application would need to be submitted.

RESULT:	3-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commission Member Deputy Fire Chief Tony Rendleman
SECONDER:	Commission Member Police Chief Seth Ranney
AYES:	Commission Member Police Chief

	Ranney, Commission Member Deputy Fire Chief Rendleman, and Deputy Liquor Commissioner Smith
ABSENT:	Commission Member Dr. Schwartz and Commission Member Heisel,

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith provided the Commission with an update on a pending application for Family Dollar. Deputy Smith explained that he spoke to a representative of Family Dollar in Georgia and scheduled an inspection but the manager canceled. Deputy Smith added that the manager at the Pekin Family Dollar did not want liquor sold, contrary to corporate.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commission a motion was made by Deputy Fire Chief Tony Rendleman seconded by Deputy Liquor Commissioner Adam Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried viva voce vote. Liquor Commissioner Mary Burrell adjourned the meeting at 4:12 PM.