



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

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

The **PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** was led by Liquor Commissioner Mark Luft.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Attorney Joshua Herman, Liquor Commission Secretary Nicole Stewart, City Clerk Sue McMillan and Finance Clerk Leslie Leitner.

Absent: Commission Member Rose Hasler and Fire Chief Kurt Nelson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Dr. Timm Schwartz, seconded by Police Chief John Dossey to approve the January 23, 2020 agenda. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Police Chief John Dossey, seconded by Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz to approve the Commission meeting minutes dated August 22, 2019. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

No public input was received.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor Commission Hearing on Geier Corp dba Roxy's Lanes – Violation of 2% Food and Beverage Tax

City Attorney Joshua Herman announced that on the schedule was to have a Liquor Commission hearing but the City Attorney and Mr. Geier had come to an agreement. Mr. Herman introduced himself and explained that he was standing in for City Attorney Katherine Swise. Mr. Herman continued to explain to the members of the Commission that Mr. Geier was served with a Notice

of Hearing and a hearing was scheduled to be heard on the violations. Mr. Geier did not contest the claims and was willing to enter into a plea agreement. Mr. Geier acknowledged that he committed the infraction for failing to file May 2019 through November 2019 tax returns with the City and that he is willing to pay a fine in the amount of \$1,000 in addition to \$400 in attorney fees, to be paid on or before February 23, 2020 by 4 pm. Mr. Herman stated that Mr. Geier's license is being revoked immediately and he is to pay all by February 23, 2020 at 4 pm otherwise his license is revoked and we would continue with a hearing. Mr. Geier understood and agreed. Mr. Geier added that his ST-1's are less than \$100 but still had fines. Mr. Herman verified in front of the Commission Members that Mr. Geier understood and signed where it was indicated by licensee agent. Liquor Commissioner Luft accepted the plea agreement.

Mr. Herman explained that as a consequence of entering into a plea agreement, there would be no reason to proceed with a hearing. Mr. Geier added that there are no reports for the months of September, October and November as he was closed. Mr. Geier let the members know where he can be notified.

Mr. Herman concluded that there was no further action required unless Mr. Geier did not comply.

Dr. Timm Schwartz inquired as to whether other civil action could be taken. Mr. Herman answered that with the fines and penalties in place we would have to move to enforce.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought before the Commission.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole L. Stewart
Deputy City Clerk