



City of Pekin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE RESCHEDULED FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF
JULY 24, 2025 AT 4PM - 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, JULY 17, 2025 AT 4:00 PM
LIQUOR COMMISSIONER MARY J. BURRESS PRESIDING**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress.

Call to Order

Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress, confirmed all Commission Members were physically present except Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rob Jones and Police Chief Seth Ranney. City Attorney Ethan Mora attended electronically via phone. Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress opened the meeting at 4:05 PM.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Seth Ranney	Liquor Commission	Commission Member	Absent	-:-- PM
Trent Reeise	City of Pekin	Commission Member	Present	4:00 PM
Timm Schwartz	City of Pekin	Commission Member	Present	4:00 PM
Judy Heisel	City of Pekin	Commission Member	Present	4:00 PM
Rob Jones	City of Pekin	Deputy Liquor Commissioner	Absent	-:- PM
Mary Burress	City of Pekin	Liquor Commissioner	Present	4:00 PM

Approve Agenda

RESULT:	5-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commission Member Reeise
SECONDER:	Commission Member Schwartz
AYES:	Commission Member Reeise, Commission Member Schwartz, and Commission Member Heisel
ABSENT:	Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rob Jones and Police Chief Seth Ranney

Approval of Minutes

4.1. Minutes from the June 26, 2025 Liquor Commission Meeting

RESULT:	5-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commission Member Schwartz
SECONDER:	Commission Member Reeise
AYES:	Commission Member Reeise, Commission Member Schwartz, Commission Member Heisel
ABSENT:	Deputy Liquor Commissioner Jones and Commission Member Ranney

Public Input

No public input was received.

New Business

6.1. Approval of New Liquor Applicant: Yasakani Ramen & Grill, Inc. dba Yasakani Ramen & Grill, 3560 Court Street

RESULT:	5-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commission Member Schwartz
SECONDER:	Commission Member Heisel
AYES:	Commission Member Reeise, Commission Member Schwartz, and Commission Member Heisel
ABSENT:	Deputy Liquor Commissioner Jones and Commission Member Ranney

City Attorney Ethan Mora presented the liquor application for Yasakani Ramen & Grill stating that all application materials were received and in order, inclusive of inspections and site plan. Proof of Basset Training is still pending and not required to be received before issuing a liquor license.

Commission Member Dr. Timm Schwartz questioned the menu and Emily Lin replied that the menu would consist of Japanese grill, poke salad, appetizers, ice cream mochie and saki.

The Commission saw no issues with the liquor license application and approvals.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission

Liquor Commissioner Mary Burress expressed her appreciation for Commission Member Judy Heisel and Dr. Timm Schwartz for serving on the commission.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come to before the Commission a motion was made by Commission Member Heisel seconded by Commission Member Schwartz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried viva voce vote. Liquor Commissioner Burress adjourned

the meeting at 4:13PM.

RESULT:	5-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commission Member Schwartz
SECONDER:	Commission Member Heisel
AYES:	Commission Member Reeise, Commission Member Schwartz, and Commission Member Heisel
ABSENT:	Deputy Liquor Commissioner Jones and Commission Member Ranney