



MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMMISSION
December 8, 2015

1. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Liquor Commission was called to order by Commissioner Renner at 4:00 p.m. on December 8, 2015.

2. Roll Call

Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan Commissioners, George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Asst. Chief Clay Wheeler, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

3. Public Comment

No one came forward to address the Commission.

The following was presented:

4. Consideration of approving the Commission minutes of October 13, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 13, 2015.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

The following was presented:

5. Consideration of the application of Yumz Asian Cuisine, Inc., d/b/a Yumz Asian Cuisine, located at 120 Krispy Kreme Dr., Ste 2 requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Joyce Chook, applicant representative, Yumz Asian Cuisine, Inc., addressed the Commission. Yumz Asian Cuisine was requesting to serve beer and wine. The business was currently operating as a restaurant.

Commissioner Renner questioned familiarity with Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages. Ms. Chook acknowledged same. He questioned BASSET (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) certification. Ms. Chook stated that BASSET certification had not been taken. The plan was to take same through an online course.

Commissioner Jordan questioned the number of employees. Ms. Chook replied forty-five (45).

Commissioner Renner recommended a motion that was contingent upon proof of BASSET certification within ninety (90) days.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the application of Yumz Asian Cuisine, Inc., d/b/a Yumz Asian Cuisine, located at 120 Krispy Kreme Dr., Ste 2 requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week be approved contingent upon: 1.) BASSET certification with ninety (90) days after Council approval and 2.) compliance with all health and safety codes.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's January 11, 2016, Consent Agenda. He encouraged Ms. Chook to attend.

The following was presented:

- 6. Consideration of a Change of Corporation officer position from Gill Street Group, LLC, d/b/a Gill Street Sports Bar & Restaurant, located at 3002 Gill St Unit B, currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises.**

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the Change of Corporation officer position from Gill Street Group, LLC, d/b/a Gill Street Sports Bar & Restaurant, located at 3002 Gill St Unit B, currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises; changes are as follows: Eric Rohde transferred his shares to ERCL Holdings, LLC be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner instructed the Clerk to address the appropriate letter to the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission acknowledging same.

The following was presented:

- 7. Consideration of a Change of Corporation officer position from John H Kraus VFW Post #454, d/b/a John H Kraus VFW Post #454, located at 1006 E Lincoln St, currently holding an CA liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for the consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the Change of Corporation officer position from John H Kraus VFW Post #454, d/b/a John H Kraus VFW Post #454, located at 1006 E. Lincoln St, currently holding an CA liquor license which

allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for the consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week; changes are as follows: Sr. Vice Todd Nelson was replaced by Sr. Vice Garey B Wick and Jr. Vice Adam Wright was replaced by Jr. Vice Patsy Mayer.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner instructed the Clerk to address the appropriate letter to the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission acknowledging same.

The following was presented:

- 8. Notification of Violation Payment from Coppertop, Inc., d/b/a Coppertop Lounge, located at 1107 W Locust St, currently holding an TAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for the consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted that Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Section 2 (c) addressed change of ownership. He stated that the Commission should be informed prior to or soon after the change.

There were two (2) ownership changes which occurred over a period of time. Staff believed notification of same was inadvertent. The belief was based on a parallel business in which the Commission was notified of changes. The first (1st) change was the death of a corporate officer years ago the other was a stockholder change of more than fifty percent (50%). Mr. Boyle noted that the primary owner had been in place for some time.

A settlement agreement had been reached and paid.

- 9. Violation hearing of Carniceria La Mexicana, Inc., d/b/a Carniceria La Mexicana, located at 1416 S Main St, currently holding a PAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types packaged alcohol for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week.**

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He summarized the Complaint and Citation, Violation 2015-010. He noted that the licensee admitted to the violation and continued to pay the required Food and Beverage Tax. The Licensee had agreed to a \$1,500 fine to be paid no later than December 8, 2015 and all amounts due for its liquor license including late charges up through December 2015.

Mr. Boyle noted that the Agreed Findings of Fact and Order also stated that the Licensee must file all renewal paperwork and pay the required license fees to continue to sell alcohol for the first (1st) quarter of 2016.

10. Other Business.

Commissioner Renner noted that the Budget Task Force (BTF) had recommended possible reductions, fee increase to cover costs and revenue increase to decrease the deficit. BTF

recommended increase liquor license fees and establishment of video poker fees. He believed there could be a joint City Council and Liquor Commission meeting January 2016. The Council had concerns with number of video poker machines. The belief was the city had more machines than the City of Peoria. According to Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, video poker should not be the primary source of income.

Commissioner Tompkins requested continued discussion on quarterly, semiannual and annual liquor license payments. He believed there quarterly payments should be eliminated. Any establishment behind in Food and Beverage tax not be able to renew their license.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to adjourn. Time: 4:18 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Gooderham
Chief Deputy Clerk