

FREEPORT LIQUOR COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2017

With a quorum being present, the regular meeting of the Freeport Liquor Commission was called to order by Mayor and Liquor Commissioner Jodi Miller at 4:03 p.m. on October 12, 2017, in Conference Room 1-B at City Hall, 314 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois.

Present upon roll call were Commissioners: Mayor and Liquor Commissioner Jodi Miller, Commissioners Jeff Davis, Stacy Knodle Fernstaedt and Don Parker. Commissioner Tim Mahoney was absent.

Also present for the City of Freeport: Deputy City Clerk Dawn Pontius and City Legal Counsel Steve Cox, Esq.

Others Present: Holly Boeger representing Grand River Hall, Melissa Forth representing F.A.S.T. Swim Team 50th Reunion

Minutes

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Davis seconded to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2017, Liquor Commission meeting. Motion prevailed unanimously by a voice vote.

Commissioner Tim Mahoney entered at 4:05pm.

Public Comments

No Comments

Old/Pending Business

Deputy Clerk Pontius gave a status update report. Danaro Thomas with Signature Lounge reported that indoor painting has been completed and he is planning on beginning the exterior painting next week. Director of Community & Economic Development Nancy McDonald reported that the building inspector has not been contacted to visit Signature Lounge. The 219 Ventures has all required documentation on file. Troy Barr, manager, reported that they had an initial trial run with friends and family and another soft opening was held on Thursday, October 5, 2017. Establishment is now open for business.

New Business

Consideration of T-2 Temporary Liquor License Request from Wagner House, for F.A.S.T. Swim Team 50th Reunion, Saturday October 21, 2017

Mayor Miller stated that this event will be held at the Grand River Hall from 5:00pm to 12:00am. Deputy Clerk Pontius stated that all the City Officials had signed off on this T-2 Temporary Liquor License request. Commissioner Mahoney asked for clarification as why a liquor license was required for something that had to do with F.A.S.T. Mayor Miller explained that they will be selling alcohol at the event, therefore they require a temporary license.

Upon no further discussion, Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Fernstaedt seconded that T-2 Temporary Liquor License Request from Wagner House, for F.A.S.T. Swim Team 50th Reunion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Consideration of T-1 Temporary Liquor License Request from Freeport Downtown Development Foundation, Rockabilly Boogie Charity Dinner; Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 5:00 to 11:59pm.

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Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Parker seconded that T-1 Temporary Liquor License for Rockabilly Boogie Charity Dinner. Deputy Clerk Pontius stated that all the City Officials had signed off on this T-2 Temporary Liquor License request. Upon no further discussion, motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Other Business

Mayor and Liquor Commissioner Miller handed out a letter from Chief of Police Barkalow to each of the Commissioners that was sent to Michelle Magee-King and Blake King, co-owners of Logan's Bar and Grill. A recent violation of City Ordinance 608.14 had occurred at the Logan's Bar and Grill parking lot. She confirmed that no action was being taken by the City at this time, however the letter gives a fair warning that the Police Department can charge \$120 per officer, per hour if they have any additional situations take place. Mayor Miller requested that this memo be placed on file. Commissioner Mahoney questioned if the Chief of Police decided to send the letter. Mayor Miller confirmed.

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Mahoney seconded that the Memo be placed on file. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Attorney Cox stated that he had a meeting last week with Freeport Downtown Development Foundation (FDDF) Director Danielle Rogers to clarify the T-1 Liquor Licenses. When a T-1 license is approved, this clears the path for the requestor to go to the State and be licensed not only to serve, but also operate as a retailer for a temporary period of time, typically two (2) weeks. This means that they can go directly to a wholesale distributor to purchase product. The temporary license holder then pays the sales tax on the sale of the product. The partnering that had been done in the past with groups would be double retailers. He then restated that when giving someone a T-1 Liquor License, they become a Retailer. The T-1 licensee would submit a request with the City and the State and receives a Temporary Liquor License from both.

Mayor Miller gave a reminder of the last Public Meeting to be held on October 19, 2017, to discuss rewriting the Liquor Codes.

Public Comments

There were none.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn E. Pontius
Deputy City Clerk