

**FREEPORT LIQUOR COMMISSION
REGULAR RESCHEDULED MEETING
MARCH 8, 2018 – 4:30 P.M.**

With a quorum being present, the regular meeting of the Freeport Liquor Commission was called to order by Mayor Miller at 4:30 p.m. on March 8, 2018, in Conference Room 1-A at City Hall, 314 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois.

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

Also present for the City of Freeport: City Clerk Dovie Anderson and City Legal Counsel Steve Cox, Esq.

Others present: Michelle McGee from Logan's

Minutes

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Parker seconded to approve the minutes of February 8, 2018. Motion prevailed by a voice vote.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business

Item 3.A – Status Update – “A” Liquor License for Signature Lounge LLC, 225 W. Main Street

Clerk Anderson stated that there has been no change in status since last month.

Items 3.B and 3.C should not have been on the agenda because Casey's and Grand River Hall have received their permanent Certificates of Occupancy.

Item 3.D – Wagner House, 1 E. Spring St. – “AR”

Clerk Anderson relayed that Nancy McDonald, Community & Economic Development Director, reported that a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued through August 6, 2018, for Wagner House. The City is working a Redevelopment Agreement with Wagner House. A third point of egress will most likely be an elevator.

Item 3.E – Consideration of unpaid second installment of annual Liquor License Renewal Fee

Letters were sent to AB Oil and Fieldstone's. A cash payment was received from AB Oil, Inc. Fieldstone's stated some time ago that they were not going to pay the second installment. Attorney Cox believes we should proceed with revoking their license. However, with the cap being removed on the number of video gaming devices, Fieldstone's license will not be “up for grabs”.

Attorney Cox stated that the Liquor Commission's recommendation for changes in the Liquor Codes was passed by City Council. They just wanted the addition of surveillance cameras in drive-through windows.

It was discussed that people on the waiting list for gaming licenses should be notified that the cap has been removed. Clerk Anderson will make the calls.

New Business

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Item 4.A - T-2 Temporary Liquor License – Logan’s Race Car Day on Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Logan’s has expanded the scope over last year. Michelle McGee stated that BMX bikes will be available for viewing. Alcohol will be served inside but can be carried outside. Commissioner Mahoney made a motion to approve the T-2 Liquor License for Logan’s Race Day. Commissioner Fernstaedt seconded and the motion prevailed without dissent.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 5.A – Discussion of Letter to Liquor Licensees and Other Interested Parties Regarding Change in Liquor Codes

Attorney Cox has drafted a letter informing Licensees of two workshops that the City will hold to assist with filling out the new liquor application forms for the next licensing period. There was general consent among the Commissioners that the letter should contain a link to the newly rewritten Codes online as opposed to mailing them a hardcopy. It was determined that between Attorney Cox and Mayor Miller, they should contact the licensees with existing drive-through windows regarding the need for surveillance cameras. The new fees table should go with the letter as well as be posted on the website with the two new Ordinances.

Item 5.B – Discussion of Informational Workshop on Change in Liquor Codes

This was incorporated in the discussion of Item 5.A.

Item 5.C – Discussion of City-Sponsored BASSET Training

Attorney Cox has spoken with Chief Barkalow and he has asked for 30 days’ notice prior to providing personnel to do the training. Mayor Miller asked that notice of the BASSET training be added to the letter noted in Item 5.A.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dovie L. Anderson
City Clerk