

FREEPORT LIQUOR COMMISSION  
REGULAR RESCHEDULED MEETING  
JULY 17, 2018 – 4:30 P.M.

With a quorum being present, a regular rescheduled meeting of the Freeport Liquor Commission was called to order by Mayor Miller at 4:31 p.m. on July 17, 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 Stacy Fernstaedt, Tim Mahoney, Don Parker, and Jeff Davis.

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

**Minutes**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Davis seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular Rescheduled Meeting on June 21, 2018. Motion prevailed by a voice vote.

**Public Comments**

There were none.

**Item #3 – Unfinished Business**

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

Clerk Anderson stated that the attorney for the owner will submit the State application as soon as he receives the City’s license.

**Item #3.B – Status Update – Wagner House, 1 E. Spring St. – “R”**

Clerk Anderson reported that Wagner House has a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy through August 6, 2018.

**Item #3.C – Status Update – Pride of Freeport, 1220 W. Galena Ave. – “P”**

Clerk Anderson stated that Owner Raman Kaur has reported that they are under construction and will be applying for a Class “LR” Liquor License and Supplemental Video Gaming License. They also applied for a building permit to add a drive-thru window.

**Item #3.D – Gomez Reyes Group Inc. d/b/a Galena Supermarket & Restaurant – “R” with Supplemental Package Goods**

Galena Supermarket & Restaurant turned in their State liquor license. They also submitted a change in their hours of service.

**Item #3.E – Expresslane , 1736 W. West Avenue – “LR”**

Owner Kathy Peugh reported that they are waiting for their State video gaming license.

**Item #3.F – TIIE Corp. d/b/a This Is It Eatery, 10-16 N. Chicago Ave. – “R-VO”**

Clerk Anderson reported that the background check for Sheila Miller, Resident Manager, was approved.

**Item #3.G – Rafters Restaurant LLC, 9426 W. Wagner Rd., Lena – “CR”**

Clerk Anderson reported that the background check for Gary Vehmeier, Resident Manager, was approved.

**Item #3.H – Pretzel City Pub, Inc., 1350 W. Galena Ave. – “R-PVO”**

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Police Chief Barkalow attempted to inspect the surveillance camera on the drive-thru window. He said it is not installed. During a previous phone call with Katie Stager, she stated that it was installed. Clerk Anderson is coordinating a re-inspection.

**Item #3.I – Runte Sunshine Liquors, Inc., 200 S. Adams – “A-PV” (Grandfathered)**

Clerk Anderson reported that Police Chief Barkalow inspected their surveillance camera on the drive-thru window and it passed inspection.

**Item #3.J – Kelley Williamson Co., d/b/a Freeport Mobil, 1730 S. West Ave. – “P”**

Clerk Anderson stated that Freeport Mobil has expressed interest in adding a dining room and applying for an “LR” classification in preparation of adding video gaming.

**Item #4 – New Business**

**Item #4.A – Consideration of expansion of premises for Royco, d/b/a Royal Pub & Royal Liquor, 306-340 N. Park Blvd. - “R-PV”**

Clerk Anderson stated that while updating our records, it was discovered that the State application showed the premises defined as all buildings that the business has expanded into. This is to bring the City’s records up to date to reflect the State’s. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the expansion of premises to 306-240 N. Park Blvd. Commissioner Fernstaedt seconded and the motion prevailed by voice vote.

**Item #4.B – Consideration of a Class “A” Liquor License for Signature Lounge LLC, 225 W. Main St.**

Clerk Anderson stated that Signature Lounge submitted paperwork for an application to renew their liquor license prior to July 1, 2018. Commissioner Fernstaedt made a motion to approve a Class A Liquor License for Signature Lounge; seconded by Commissioner Mahoney; and the motion prevailed by voice vote.

**Item #4.C – Consideration of Supplemental Outdoor Sales at 1 Spring Events LLC d/b/a Wagner House, 1 E. Spring St. - “R-P”**

Clerk Anderson stated that payment and partial documentation has been submitted for Supplemental Outdoor Sales and attempts have been made to contact the owner; however, an application for Supplemental Outdoor Sales has not been received. This item had no action.

**Item #4.D – Consideration of Request for Resident Manager Change at Moseley Loewe VFW Post #998, 1802 E. Shawnee**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Gene Carroll as Resident Manager contingent upon receipt of an approved background check completed more recently than the one on file. Commissioner Mahoney seconded and the motion prevailed by voice vote.

**Item #4.E – Consideration of Request for Resident Manager Change at Aldi, Inc., 726 W. South St.**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Shiela Cardoso as Resident Manager contingent upon receipt of an approved background check. Commissioner Fernstaedt seconded and the motion prevailed by voice vote.

**Item #4.F – Consideration of Request for Resident Manager Change at Double A Market Inc., d/b/a Starshine Spirits, 607 N. West Ave.**

Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve Jennifer Broege as Resident Manager and Commissioner Davis seconded. An approved background check was on file; however, it was determined that the

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proposed Resident Manager had a previous felony from 2000. Attorney Cox recommended that, as per the Illinois Liquor Control Act, a finding of rehabilitation should be considered by the local Liquor Commission. Commissioner Parker withdrew his motion for approval and Commissioner Davis withdrew his second. Commissioner Mahoney made a motion for finding of rehabilitation based upon the length of time that has passed; Commissioner Davis seconded; and the motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

Commissioner Mahoney made a motion to approve Jennifer Broege as Resident Manager; seconded by Commissioner Davis; and the motion prevailed by voice vote.

**Item #4.G – Consideration of a T-2 Temporary Liquor License for Mort’s, Beer Garden in Alleyway for Wedding Reception on August 25, 2018, 114 S. Chicago Ave.**

Commissioner Mahoney made a motion to approve the T-2 Temporary Liquor License; Commissioner Fernstaedt seconded; and the motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

**Item #5 – Other**

**Item #5.A – Receive and place on file: Semi-annual report to City Manager**

Commissioner Parker made a motion to accept the Semi-Annual Report to City Manager; Commissioner Davis seconded; and the motion prevailed by voice vote. It will be presented to Council on their Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Fernstaedt left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**Item #5.B – Discussion of Requirements for Resident Managers**

Attorney Cox discussed the difficulties encountered with requiring resident managers to actually live within City limits. He indicates that while this is his interpretation of the Liquor Control Act, other communities utilize different requirements, and the State does not have a specific requirement for a "resident manager". Discussion ensued concerning the allowance of a geographical radius which is utilized by some communities, as well as the possibility of a "response time" requirement. Attorney Cox was directed to review the issue and provide recommendations at the next meeting.

**Public Comments**

Mayor Miller announced that this would be Don Parker’s last Liquor Commission meeting as he will be appointed as 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson.

There were no other public comments.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dovie L. Anderson  
City Clerk