

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the
City of Kingsport Beverage Board
Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 1:30 PM
Boardroom, City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Kingsport**

PRESENT: Beverage Board:
Lonnie Salyer, Chair
Michael Forrester
Stephen LaHair
John McKinley
Dale Phipps, Police Chief
Cody Woods, Vice-Chair
Natalie Wells
Lisa Winkle, Secretary, City Recorder/Treasurer

City Staff:
Assistant City Attorney Bart Rowlett
Paralegal Liz Chicco
City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall

CALL TO ORDER: 1:30 p.m. by Chair Salyer.

I. ROLL CALL: Deputy City Recorder Marshall. Absent: Ken Weems.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion/Second: Woods /Phipps to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021 regular business meeting.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

III. REVIEWING OF APPLICATIONS.

A. NEW PERMITS.

1. Market1 LLC. Mr. Jayesh Patel, Owner, provided information on this new business, noting it was purchased in December but was still under renovation from the previous use as a laundromat. Mr. Patel stated he had opened three other similar establishments over the last two years in Bristol, Virginia with no issues. He confirmed there was a point of sale system in place for alcohol purchases and everyone is carded. Mr. Patel explained the local contact listed on the application was a tenant that lived above the business. Assistant City Attorney Rowlett asked Mr. Patel to provide the apartment number on the application and tabled the discussion until he could confirm tenants were allowed where alcohol was sold. He also had the applicant amend the application to reflect a single member of a corporation rather than the sole proprietor. Both changes were made. City Clerk Marshall related that Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues and Chief Phipps confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: Forrester/LaHair:

To issue an Off-Premises Beverage Permit to **Market1 LLC** for **1STOP** located at 2728 East Center Street, Kingsport.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

2. Fusion Cuisine, Inc. Mr. Jaime Joaquin, Co-owner, stated he was expanding his current business and opening a second restaurant. He confirmed it would have a similar menu but would have limited hours in the beginning until they acquired more staff. Assistant City Attorney Rowlett asked him to amend the application to reflect that information and to notify the city clerk when the hours changed. Mr. Rowlett also asked about the use of the outside patio. Mr. LaHair stated he was familiar with the location and it was adequate. The applicant also informed the board that all employees were ABC certified and there was also a calendar at the register. City Clerk Marshall related that Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues and Chief Phipps confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: Forrester/Woods:

To issue an On-Premises Beverage Permit to **Fusion Cuisine, Inc.** for **Fusion** located at 2320 Pendragon Road, Suite A in Kingsport.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. City Clerk Marshall reported all the contingent applications from December had been satisfied and picked up.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. REVIEW OF ARRESTS/INCIDENT REPORTS.** Chief Phipps stated there was nothing to report.
- B. 2021 ANNUAL ABC REPORT.** City Clerk Marshall provided the report that was submitted to the ABC in January regarding off-premise beverage permit holders.
- C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Mr. McKinley made a motion for the current officers to continue to serve if willing. Mr. LaHair seconded the motion with all present voting “aye.”

Ms. Marshall asked the board to consider amending the application to meet changing and outdated needs such as adding an email address and removing the requirement for the business contact to be a resident of Kingsport. The board asked Ms. Marshall to work with Mr. Rowlett and present a red line document with the changes to the board at the next meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT. With no other business to discuss, Chair Salyer adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Secretary