

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the
City of Kingsport Beverage Board
Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 1:30 PM
Boardroom, City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Kingsport**

PRESENT: Beverage Board:
Michael Forrester
John McKinley
Dale Phipps, Police Chief
Lonnie Salyer, Chair
Ken Weems
Lisa Winkle, Secretary

City Staff:
City Attorney Bart Rowlett
City 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: Stephen LaHair, Natalie Wells, Cody Woods.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion/Second: Phipps/McKinley to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 regular business meeting.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

III. REVIEWING OF APPLICATIONS.

A. NEW PERMITS.

1. Family Dollar Stores of Tennessee, LLC. Mr. Charles Barfield. Manager was sworn in and provided information for this business. He stated they were trying to increase sales in the store by selling beer, confirming he had previous experience with beer sales in another store. He discussed the process for selling, noting all employees will be TIPS certified. City Attorney Rowlett mentioned the store hours may exceed legal beer sales and to notify the city clerk if their hours changed. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues. Chief Phipps confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: Forrester/McKinley:

To issue an Off Premises Beverage Permit to ***Family Dollar Stores of Tennessee, LLC*** for **Family Dollar Store #20436** located at 405 West Sullivan Street in Kingsport.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

2. **Laxmi 2023 LLC** Mr. Amishkumar Babubhai Patel, Co-owner, was sworn in and provided information on the change of ownership for this business. He stated the lease has not been finalized yet. Mr. Rowlett also advised them to contact City Clerk Marshall if their listed hours were to change. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues. Chief Phipps confirmed no problems with the background checks.

Motion/Second: Forrester/McKinley:

To issue an On and Off Premises Beverage Permit to **Laxmi 2023 LLC** for **Discount Tobacco & Beer Mart #2** located at 4101 Fort Henry Drive in Kingsport *contingent upon* providing the lease to the City Clerk.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

B. SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS.

1. **Engage Kingsport** Ms. Bonnie MacDonald was sworn in and provided details on this new event, the Greatest Of All Time Festival. She stated the first night there would be heavy hors d’oeuvres along with beer and wine. She stated there would be only one entrance and they would use wristbands to ID before serving alcohol. City Clerk Marshall stated the insurance coverage of the event had not been submitted. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues and Chief Phipps confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: McKinley/Forrester:

To issue a Special Event Beverage Permit to **Engage Kingsport** for the **GOAT Festival Preview Party** event taking place on April 21, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Farmers Market located at 308 Clinchfield Street in Kingsport *contingent upon* submitting insurance to the city clerk.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A. **Flanagan Bros Grudlann LLC** Mr. Uriah Bishop stated they had encountered some delays in obtaining equipment and could not finish the construction inside the brewery. He stated the intent was to now open in April instead of March as previously planned and requested a 30-day extension. He confirmed the permit would still be contingent upon presenting the health permit to the city clerk.

Motion/Second: Forrester/McKinley:

To extend the opening of the business through the end of April 2023.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

V. NEW BUSINESS.

A. **REVIEW OF ARRESTS/INCIDENT REPORTS.** Chief Phipps stated there was nothing to report.

B. 2022 ANNUAL ABC REPORT FOR INFORMATION ONLY. City Clerk Marshall stated this was submitted to the state in January.

At this time, City Attorney Rowlett presented three memos to the board regarding violations during a controlled buy operation November with the vice unit and the ABC. He stated two of the locations, Cracker Barrel and the Chop House, had asked for ID but didn't check it and one business, Applebees, didn't even ask to see it. He recommended a showcause hearing be scheduled for these businesses. There was some discussion and Mr. Rowlett stated he would look into what had been done previously. Chair Salyer also commented the should look into the actual fine amount to see if it should be updated. Chief Phipps made a separate motion for each business location to be notified of a showcause hearing at the April meeting. Mr. McKinley seconded each motion and all present voted aye. The meeting was intially adjourned at 2:11 p.m., but further discussion revealed some conflicts at the April meeting. Chair Salyer called the meeting back to order at 2:15 p.m. and Mr. McKinley made three separate motions to move each showcause hearing to the May meeting. Mr. Forrester seconded the motions and all present voted aye.

VI. ADJOURNMENT. With no other business to discuss, Chair Salyer readjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Secretary