

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the
City of Kingsport Beverage Board
Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 1:30 PM
Boardroom, City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Kingsport**

PRESENT: Beverage Board:

Jason Bellamy, Deputy Police Chief
Michael Forrester
Stephen LaHair
John McKinley
Lonnie Salyer, Chair
Ken Weems
Natalie Wells (*arrived after approval of minutes*)
Lisa Winkle, Secretary

City Staff:

City Attorney Bart Rowlett
Assistant City Attorney Sarah Valk
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: Cody Woods.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion/Second: LaHair/McKinley to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 regular business meeting.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

III. REVIEWING OF APPLICATIONS.

A. NEW PERMITS.

1. Tanoex LLC. Ms. Jennifer Blankenship, Business Owner wase sworn in and provided information for this new business, stating it was an upscale cocktail lounge and event gathering space. She confirmed a POS system was in place and employees were TIPS trained. Ms. Blankenship said the operating hours to the public but the space would be available on the other days of the week for private events. Mr. LaHair recommended the application be amended to reflect that information. City Attorney Rowlett asked about her application for both on and off premise purchases. Ms. Blankenship clarified she no longer was requesting the off premise permit and would the application. She also confirmed the kitchen would always be operational when alcohol was served. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues. Deputy Chief Bellamy confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: LaHair/Forrester:

To issue an On Premises Beverage Permit to **Tanoex LLC** for **The Reserve @ Model City Event Center** located at 201 East Center Street in Kingsport.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

2. Tobacco King Mr. Krushitkumar Patel, Business Owner and Mr. Jai Patel, Interpreter. were sworn in and provided information for this business. Mr. Patel stated this was the first store he had owned but had been working there for a while. He also stated there was a POS system in place requiring a date of birth to be entered. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues. Deputy Chief Bellamy confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: Forrester/McKinley:

To issue an Off Premises Beverage Permit to **Tobacco King** for **Tobacco King** located at 1001 East Center Street in Kingsport.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

B. SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS.

1. Kingsport Chamber Foundation Ms. Emily Thompson was sworn in and provided details on this event noting it was the same format for security and checking ID as last year. She stated they would utilize armbands and have lots of police present at the event. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues. Deputy Chief Bellamy confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: LaHair/McKinley:

To issue a Special Event Beverage Permit to the **Kingsport Chamber Foundation** for the **Red, White and Boom** event taking place on Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Main Street (from Cherokee Street to Broad Street) in Kingsport.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

2. K-Play Sports Council Ms. Emily Thompson was sworn in and provided details on this annual event confirming the set up and serving of beer was the same as previous years using wristbands after checking ID. She stated there was only one beer trailer. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues. Deputy Chief Bellamy confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: LaHair/McKinley:

To issue a Special Event Beverage Permit to the **K-Play Sports Council** for the **Twilight Alive Concert Series** event taking place on the following Fridays: June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and July 7 and 14 from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Broad Street

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A. PENDING PERMITS

1. **Flanagan Brothers Bierworks** City Attorney Rowlett confirmed this business was still having issues getting equipment in to finish construction and asked for another month to extend their opening. He stated he advised City Clerk Marshall to add this to agenda and not require them to appear since they have come before the board previously with the same situation. The board agreed to table this for another month.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

A. REVIEW OF ARRESTS/INCIDENT REPORTS. Deputy Chief Bellamy stated there was nothing to report.

B. SHOWCAUSE HEARINGS. *(Note: A court reporter was present to transcribe this portion of the meeting.)*

1. **Quality Restaurant Concepts DBA Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill.** Linda Jennings and Danny Hodge were sworn in and provided information on the steps that had been taken since the violation. They confirmed the employee did not follow their policies and had been terminated. They also stated there had been another violation since this one but it had not been reported to the police department as of yet. After some discussion Chair Sayer made a motion to impose a \$750 civil penalty that must be paid within seven days. Mr. LaHair seconded the motion with all present voting "aye."

2. **Connor Concepts DBA The Chop House.** Patty Shelton was sworn in and provided information on the steps that had been taken since the violation. She confirmed the employee did not follow their policies and had been terminated. She stated it had been ten years since their last offense. After some discussion Mr. Forrester made a motion to impose a \$750 civil penalty that must be paid within seven days. Mr. LaHair seconded the motion with all present voting "aye."

3. **Cracker Barrel Old Country Store #83.** David Knapp was sworn in and provided information on the steps that had been taken since the violation, noting it was taken very seriously. He confirmed the employee had been terminated immediately and discussed the many actions taken to ensure it wouldn't happen again. She stated it had been ten years since their last offense. After some discussion Mr. LaHair made a motion to impose a \$750 civil penalty that must be paid within seven days. Chair Salyer seconded the motion with all present voting "aye."

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VI. ADJOURNMENT. With no other business to discuss, Chair Salyer adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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