

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the  
City of Kingsport Beverage Board  
Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 1:30 PM  
Montgomery-Watterson Boardroom, City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Kingsport**

PRESENT: Beverage Board:  
Stephen LaHair, Vice-Chair  
Michael Forrester  
John McKinley  
Jason Sanders  
Natalie Wells  
Dale Phipps, Police Chief  
Ken Weems, Planning Manager  
Lisa Winkle, City Recorder/Treasurer

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1:30 p.m. by Vice Chair LaHair.

**I. ROLL CALL:** by Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall. Absent: Kevin Mitchell.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Motion/Second: McKinley/Forrester to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024 regular business meeting as amended to reflect the correct attendance.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

**IV. REVIEWING OF APPLICATIONS.**

**A. NEW PERMITS.**

**1. Galaxy Pizza LLC** Mr. Joel Blevins, Owner, was sworn and provided details on this new restaurant, stating they hope to open for New Years. He stated patrons must show ID before purchasing beer and there is also a POS system in place. He also confirmed they are still waiting on the health permit. The City Attorney pointed out he needs to submit a fully executed copy of the lease as well. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues and Chief Phipps confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: Forrester/LaHair:

To issue an On-Premises Beverage Permit to **Galaxy Pizza LLC** for the **Galaxy Pizza** located at 121 Shelby Street in Kingsport *contingent upon* submitting a copy of the health permit and a fully executed lease.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

2. **Corner TN, LLC** Mr. John Griffith, Owner was sworn in and provided details on this new restaurant located where Fusion used to be. He stated they have had another location in Bristol since 2021 with no incidents. He further stated everyone will be carded in addition to a POS system and TIPS certification required for all servers. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues and Chief Phipps confirmed no problems with the background checks.

Motion/Second: LaHair/Forrester:

To issue an On-Premises Beverage Permit to **Corner TN LLC** for **The Corner** located at 1704 East Stone Drive in Kingsport.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

## **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

### **A. PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PERMITS.**

1. **King City Tavern** Mr. Jonathan Reed, partner, requested another extension stating the contractor keeps saying they need one more day to finish. He has not yet received the health permit.

Motion/Second: Forrester/Wells:

To extend the permit issue date approved October 1, 2024 for thirty days.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS.**

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

**B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS** Mr. McKinley made a motion to nominate Mr. LaHair for the role of Chair, seconded by Mr. Sanders with all present voting “aye.” Mr. Forrester made a motion to nominate Mr. McKinley for Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Wells with all present voting “aye.”

**VII. ADJOURN.** With no other business to discuss, Vice Chair LaHair adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

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Secretary