

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the
City of Kingsport Beverage Board**

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 1:30 PM

Montgomery-Watterson Boardroom, City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Kingsport

PRESENT: Beverage Board:

John McKinley, Chair

Michael Forrester, Vice Chair

Shelton Clark

Kevin Mitchell

Jason Sanders

Natalie Wells

Travis Bishop, City Recorder

Jason Bellamy, Police Chief

Ken Weems, Planning Manager

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 Forrester.

I. ROLL CALL: by Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion/Second: Mitchell/Forrester to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2025 regular business meeting.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

IV. REVIEWING OF APPLICATIONS.

A. APPLICATIONS FOR NEW PERMITS.

1. The Black Olive Kingsport Tara Hendrix, Owner, was sworn and provided information about this new Italian restaurant, noting there are three other locations but this is the first in Kingsport with a soft opening set for later this month. She stated some of the servers have already been trained and new hires will be required to get their ABC license. Ms. Hendrix provided the lease and the menu at the request of Assistant City Attorney Valk. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues. Chief Bellamy confirmed no problems with the background checks.

Motion/Second: Forrester/Bishop:

To issue an On-Premises Beverage Permit to ***The Black Olive Kingsport*** for ***The Black Olive*** located at 818 Black Olive Drive *contingent upon* submitting the health permit.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

2. **Lucky's 777 Inc** Darrell Casey, Owner, was sworn and gave details about this business, stating it was located in the old Centerdale Service Station. He explained this was a new venture as a cruise through convenience market, noting it was not a drive through. City Attorney Rowlett asked for clarification on the point of sale system, noting regulations regarding curbside were loosened after covid. Mr. Casey confirmed the beer would not be handed to the driver but placed in the backseat or the truck bed. All employees are in the process of being trained and will check IDs using the Clover POS system. He confirmed they didn't plan to open until January 31st so the board stated the permit would be effective January 30. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues and Chief Bellamy stated there were no problems with the backgrounds.

Motion/Second: Clark/Mitchell:

To issue an Off-Premises Beverage Permit to ***Lucky's 777 Inc*** for ***Lucky's 777*** located at 801 East Center Street in Kingsport.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

3. **Pepper Coal LLC** Jonathan Reed and Brad Jolly were sworn in and explained the need for this permit, noting they already have one permit for the Old Crow Tavern and an ABC license for the King City Distillery which both operate out of the same building. He stated the ABC advised them they couldn't sell beer out of the distillery side and the restaurant permit didn't cover that space either. This permit would be the third entity to hold a license at this address. There was considerable discussion regarding the fact there was no restaurant equipment in place on the distillery side, which is required by the city code. City Recorder Bishop made a motion to defer action on this item until the city attorney could investigate and research further. Mr. Clark seconded the motion with all present voting "aye." The board agreed to meet next week for a called meeting regarding this application.

(NOTE: Vice-Chair Forrester left the meeting during this discussion at 2:47 pm)

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS.**

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

VII. **ADJOURN.** With no other business to discuss, Chair McKinley adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Secretary