

**Minutes of the Called Business Meeting of the**

**City of Kingsport Beverage Board**

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 2:00 PM**

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

**PRESENT:** Beverage Board:

Jon McKinley, Chair

Michael Forrester, Vice Chair

Kevin Mitchell

Jason Sanders

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:** 2:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Forrester.

**I. ROLL CALL:** by Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall. Absent: Shelton Clark and Natalie Wells.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** None.

**IV. REVIEWING OF APPLICATIONS.**

**A. APPLICATIONS FOR NEW PERMITS.**

**1. Pepper Coal LLC** Brad Jolly was sworn and provided more details about the setup of the restaurant and the distillery. City Attorney Rowlett explained there was no provision under the city code for this type of permit without a fully operational restaurant. There was considerable discussion, but no solution was reached with regard to the present circumstances. City Recorder Bishop made a motion to deny the permit. Chief Bellamy seconded the motion with all present voting "aye."

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS.** None.

**VII. ADJOURN.** With no other business to discuss, Chair McKinley adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

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Secretary