

**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	Travis Bishop, City Recorder
Michael Forrester, Vice Chair	Jason Bellamy, Police Chief
Kevin Mitchell	Ken Weems, Planning Manager
Jason Sanders	

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.

Secretary