

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the

City of Kingsport Beverage Board

Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 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

Jason Bellamy, Police Chief

Travis Bishop, City Recorder/CFO

Ken Weems, Planning Manager

City Staff:

Bart Rowlett, City Attorney

Liz Chicco, Paralegal

Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder

CALL TO ORDER: 1:30 p.m. by Chair McKinley.

I. ROLL CALL: by Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall. Absent: Natalie Wells.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion/Second: Mitchell/Sanders to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2026 regular business meeting.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

IV. REVIEWING OF APPLICATIONS.

A. APPLICATIONS FOR NEW PERMITS.

1. Blind Raven Brewing Company, LLC Greg Cooper was sworn in and provided information about this new business, stating it will be a cocktail bar and restaurant and provide jazz entertainment. He remarked all employees go through the state ABC training as well as inhouse operating procedures. He noted they are finishing construction and plan to open in 2-3 months. They are also still in the process of obtaining a health permit. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues. Chief Bellamy confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: Mitchell/Bellamy:

To issue an On-and-Off Premises Beverage Permit to ***Blind Raven Brewing Company, LLC*** for **Blind Raven** located at 107 East Market Street, Kingsport *contingent upon* submitting the health permit.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

Motion/Second: Sanders/Clark:

To allow 90 days for this business to open.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

2. **Subpremoon Inc** Kulchamai Chaiyasit was sworn in and provided information about this new business, noting she is opening a second restaurant. She stated employees will ID customers purchasing beer and note the age on their bill. She also confirmed the hours and location. Planning Manager Weems reported no zoning issues. Chief Bellamy confirmed no problems with the background checks.

Motion/Second: Mitchell/Forrester:

To issue an On-Premises Beverage Permit to ***Subpremoon Inc*** for **Thai Avenue** located at 4040 Fort Henry Drive, Kingsport.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. **NCG Kingsport, Inc.** Troy Smith was sworn in and explained the expansion that occurred at the movie theater after the new construction for the IMAX theater. He stated it will open July 16th or 17th and confirmed alcohol would only be available when food is served.

Motion/Second: Forrester/Sanders:

To allow the expansion represented in the new lease for this business.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

- B. **REVIEW OF ARREST/INCIDENT REPORTS** Chief Bellamy stated there was nothing to report.

The City Attorney provided information on the letter that was sent to Stir Fry regarding the lack of a barrier around their outside dining area. The letter was dated 6/3/26 and was sent certified mail showing a delivery date of 6/8/26. The signature of the recipient was not legible, and it could not be determined if the information in the letter was received by the appropriate party. Mr. Rowlett provided details on the process for a show cause hearing. After some discussion, Mr. Weems commented he would be speaking with Martin Bagwell tomorrow on another issue. Chair McKinley suggested Mr. Weems provide a copy of the original letter and return receipt to allow Stir Fry a chance to respond or replace the barrier before the next Beverage Board meeting. Mr. Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark to proceed accordingly with all present voting "aye."

There was brief discussion on if the use of rope and stanchions met the requirements of the city code. It was decided that a precedent had been set to allow for this arrangement.

- VII. ADJOURN.** With no other business to discuss, Chair McKinley adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Secretary