BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr. Craig Kistner – Chairman
Mr. Jason Walden – Vice Chairman
Mr. Michael Ketron
Mr. Robert Greeson

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT
Chief Blaine Wade
Captain Walter Brown
Lt. Brad Tate
Investigator M. Doty
Ms. Kristen Olinger

Call to order - At approximately 5:00 pm on March 20, 2019, Mr. Kistner, Chairman of the Beer Board for the Beer Board for the City of Bristol, Tennessee, called the meeting to order in the conference room of the Ewell L. Easley Municipal Bldg., located at 104 Eighth St., Bristol Tennessee.

Review of Minutes - Board members reviewed minutes from the February 20, 2019 meeting and the minutes were approved as read.

NEW BUSINESS

Machiavelli’s, 175 Street, Bristol, TN: Mr. Peters appeared before the board to request eight temporary beer permit renewals. Captain Brown advised the board that the application is in order and all fees have been paid. Chairman Kistner advised the board that there had been no issues with this business in the past year. Mr. Ketron made a motion to approve and Mr. Greeson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by the board.

Walgreens, 2340 Hwy 394, Bristol, TN: Investigator Doty appeared before the board to speak regarding a violation that occurred at this location on February 19, 2019. Inv. Doty advised that an underage confidential informant entered the location, retrieved a 6-pack of beer from the cooler and proceeded to the cash register. The cashier asked the CI for his ID, entered an unknown date of birth and completed the transaction at which time Inv. Doty intervened and issued a citation. Inv. Doty presented a copy of the CI’s ID to the board for review. The ID showed a birthdate of 7-17-98 and appeared to be damaged/cracked and taped. Chairman Kistner asked Inv. Doty if the ID had tape on it the day of the investigation. Inv. Doty advised yes, and he ensured the date of birth was visible as he was not aware that it was damaged until the investigation was already in motion. Mr. Walden questioned if the ID was still valid when damaged. Inv. Doty advised yes. With no further questions for Inv. Doty, Ms. Rachel Hall, representing the business, was called upon. Mr. Kistner asked Ms. Hall if the register prompted the cashier to enter a birthdate. Ms. Hall replied yes and advised that the cashier claimed she could not read the date of birth clearly so she entered 7-17-79. Ms. Hall reviewed the copy of the CI’s ID and stated that the birthdate was visible and the cashier should have refused the sale or paged management due to the condition of the ID. Ms. Hall advised that the employee had been terminated as they have a zero-tolerance policy and confirmed that all employees complete alcohol and tobacco sales training which is updated annually. Mr. Kistner asked if the location was a certified vendor for the State of TN and Ms. Hall replied she was unaware of this. With no further questions, Mr. Kistner advised the first violation
would warrant a 10 day suspension or civil penalty of 1500.00. Mr. Ketron made a motion and Mr. Walden seconded. The motion for 10 day suspension of 1500.00 penalty passed unanimously by the board.

Dollar General, 1990 Hwy 394, Bristol, TN: Investigator Doty appeared before the board to speak regarding a violation that occurred at this location on February 19, 2019 using the same underage CI. Inv. Doty stated the CI entered the store and retrieved a 25 oz. beer from the cooler and proceeded to the register. The cashier asked for his ID and then typed an unknown date of birth and completed the transaction. Ms. Brooke Patrick, representing the business, was called to the stand. Ms. Patrick advised that the cashier typed 7-17-97. Mr. Kistner asked if the register recorded the date of birth. Ms. Patrick answered yes and advised that the corporate office can view it. Mr. Walden asked what the policy is regarding accepting a damaged ID and Ms. Patrick advised the cashier should have rejected it or called for management to review. She advised the employee was terminated due to a zero-tolerance policy. Mr. Kistner advised that the penalties increase due to the number of violations and being their second violation, this would warrant a 20-day suspension or 2000.00 civil penalty. Mr. Greeson made a motion and Mr. Ketron seconded it. The board passed the motion for 20-day suspension or 2000.00 penalty unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chief Wade advised the board that the concerns surrounding id checks and armbands is still being discussed as the council has asked for more information regarding best practices etc.

- Captain Brown advised the board that the violation occurring at State Line Bar & Grill has been referred to the State of TN as the subject ordered a mixed drink and did not order beer.

PENDING BUSINESS - None

Captain Brown confirmed there is nothing on the agenda for April currently. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.