

CITY OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE

MINUTES OF THE BEER BOARD MEETING

HELD APRIL 12, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Craig Kistner - Chairman
Mr. Mike Ketron - Vice Chairman
Mr. Spike Tickle
Mr. Jason Walden

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Chief Blaine Wade
Capt. Glenn James
Ms. Danielle Kiser
Ms. Robin Stedman

Call to Order - At approximately 5:00 pm on April 12, 2017, Mr. Kistner, Chairman of 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. Mr. Kistner introduced Mr. Jason Walden, a new member of the Beer Board, and welcomed him to his first meeting

Review of Minutes - Board Members reviewed the minutes from the March 8, 2017 meeting, the minutes were approved as read.

NEW BUSINESS

GPM Investments - Mr. Mike Emmons, Vice President of Acquisitions, appeared before the Board to request a name change on the Permits held by Road Runner Market #6001, 1716 Volunteer Pkwy., Road Runner Market #6027, 4403 Hwy 11E, Road Runner Market # 6017, 2887 W. State St., and Road Runner Market #6083, 400 Volunteer Pkwy., Bristol, TN. Mr. Kistner asked if there was any reason not to hear the Applications all at once, Ms. Kiser related there was no reason not to. Capt. James advised GPM Investments bought out Mountain Empire Oil, which constitutes a change in ownership and necessitates a name change on the Permits. He advised Mr. Ryan Broyles, formerly of Mountain Empire Oil, was also present should anyone have any questions for him. Mr. Kistner called for questions/comments from the community, there being none he called for questions/comments from the Board. Mr. Kistner asked if the company is experienced in alcohol sales, Mr. Emmons assured him they are, and the same employees will remain in place. Mr. Tickle asked if his company also operates the Scotchman Markets, Mr. Emmons said they do, along with Fast Mart. Mr. Kistner advised store #6017, 2887 W. State St., has had one violation in the past five years, and store #6083, 400 Volunteer Pkwy., has had two violations in the past five years, and asked that they made every effort to ensure there are no more. Mr. Emmons said he was not aware of the violations, but they have recently become a Certified Vendor and have stepped up measures to ensure employees are receiving recurring training, and supervisors are required to regularly review video of transactions with emphasis on beer sales. Their cash registers prompt the cashier to input the date of birth before alcohol can be sold. Mr. Tickle observed that GPM Investments how holds a large market share in the area, but one business they can use as a guide is Food City, whose system is the best. It requires the ID be scanned, which eliminates the human error problem of inputting the wrong date of birth. Mr. Kistner advised most violations stem from the

cashier entering the wrong date of birth, whether accidentally or on purpose. Mr. Emmons said he would follow up on that suggestion. There being no further questions from the Board Mr. Kistner called for a motion. Mr. Tickle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ketron. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Outback Steakhouse #4701, 308 Bristol West Blvd, The Pinnacle, Bristol, TN - Mr. Mark Grant, Manager, appeared before the Board to request an On-Premises Permit. Capt. James advised this business is moving from the Exit 7 location in Bristol, VA, and will retain the same employees. Their predicted opening date is May 29, 2017. Mr. Kistner asked about training requirements for Tennessee versus Virginia, and if they will be getting an ABC License from Tennessee. Mr. Grant advised he is actually from Knoxville, TN, and is already certified in Tennessee. Capt. James advised as soon as the restaurant receives its Certificate of Occupancy they will begin training, Mr. Grant related they expect to get the certificate sometime next week. Mr. Kistner asked if training requirements to serve beer have been met at this time, Capt. James advised that since Mr. Grant is Tennessee Certified in alcohol sales they have, the training will be held so that every server can get their certification to serve liquor in Tennessee. Mr. Kistner asked if the Virginia location has had any violations since Mr. Grant has been there, he said they have not. Mr. Kistner warned him the Police Dept. and Beer Board take violations very seriously, and there will be stings conducted at random times. He related the most problems noted in restaurants are that the server does not even ask for ID, or asks for ID and then doesn't pay any attention to it. Chief Wade asked if the employees have training through Tennessee or Virginia, Mr. Grand advised it's a mix, some through Virginia and some through Tennessee, but all will get a servers card through Tennessee. There being no further questions Mr. Kistner called for a motion. Mr. Ketron made a motion to approve the Application, seconded by Mr. Tickle. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

The Sportsman, LLC - Capt. James advised the preliminary hearing for The Sportsman's Pub has been completed, and bound over to the Grand Jury, hopefully it will be brought before the next scheduled Grand Jury. Ms. Kiser advised she has received information that Mr. Dolhanty is no longer interested in purchasing the business.

Levy Premium Foods - Capt. James advised the name change requested for all Permits held by Levy Premium Foods at the December 21, 2016 Board Meeting has been completed. New Permits, all with the same name, have been issued.

PENDING BUSINESS

Capt. James advised he does not have any pending business at this time, but will notify Mr. Kistner if any comes up. Mr. Kistner related he will not schedule a meeting for May 2017 at this time, but will should any business come up.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned.

