



MINUTES

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THE LIQUOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, 4:00 P.M.**

This meeting was conducted under Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order 2020-07, Section 6 implemented in response to COVID-19, which suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

The Liquor Commission convened in Regular Session virtually via Zoom conferencing with Commissioner Tari Renner and Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk, in-person in City Hall’s Council Chambers and virtually via Zoom conferencing at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Tari Renner.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tari Renner	Commissioner	Present	
Jim Jordan	Commissioner	Absent	
Lindsey Powell	Commissioner	Remote	

Staff Advisors

Staff Present	Title	Status	Arrived
Amanda Mohan	Deputy City Clerk	Present	
Jenna Finegan	Asst. Corporation Counsel	Present	
Chris McAlister	Building Official	Remote	

Public Comment

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment. Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk, informed the Commission no one had registered for public comment nor submitted public comment via email.

Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 4. Consideration and action to approve Minutes from the August 11, 2020 Regular Liquor Commission Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Commissioner Powell motioned, seconded by Commissioner Renner, to approve the Minutes from the August 11, 2020 Regular Liquor Commission Meeting as presented.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call roll which resulted in the following:

AYES: Powell, Renner

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 5. Public Hearing and action on the Application of TA Operating, LLC, d/b/a Travel Centers of America #092, located at 505 Truckers Lane, requesting a Class GBPS (Convenience Store, Beer and Wine Only, Package and Sunday Sales) liquor license, as submitted to the City Clerk Department.

The following Commissioners were present for the Public Hearing: Powell and Renner.

Commissioner Renner opened the Public Hearing at 4:03 p.m.

Commissioner Renner stated the applicant originally applied for a license type that the City no longer issued and that they amended the request to a Class GBPS liquor license.

Commissioner Renner asked if anyone had registered to speak for or against the application. Ms. Mohan responded that no one registered to speak live nor submitted emailed public comment.

Commissioner Renner asked if there was anyone present to represent the applicant. Ms. Mohan confirmed that Dena Payne was present in-person while Tiffiani Walden was present virtually.

Dena Payne, Representative for Travel Centers of America, after being sworn in, addressed the Commission and explained Travel Centers of America requested to offer packaged beer and wine to customers. Commissioner Renner confirmed that the application was only intended for packaged alcohol and that no alcohol would be poured for on-site consumption. Mrs. Payne confirmed.

Tiffiani Walden, Representative for Travel Centers of America, after being sworn in, addressed the Commission. Commissioner Renner confirmed that the application was only intended for packaged alcohol and that no alcohol would be poured for on-site consumption. Mrs. Walden confirmed they were only requesting packaged beer and wine.

Commissioner Powell asked the status of staff BASSET certifications. Mrs. Payne responded that she was BASEET certified and was working to ensure all staff would be too.

Jenna Finegan, Assistant Corporation Counsel, asked if the packaged beer and wine was intended for off-premises consumption. Mrs. Payne confirmed.

Commissioner Renner closed the Public Hearing at 4:06 p.m.

Commissioner Powell motioned, seconded by Commissioner Renner, to positively recommend the application to City Council contingent upon compliance with all building, health, and safety codes.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call roll which resulted in the following:

AYES: Powell, Renner

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 6. Public Hearing and action on the request of Lil Beaver Brewery, LLC, d/b/a Lil Beaver Brewery, located at 16 Currency Drive, requesting a redefinition of the approved license premises for service and consumption to allow for an recent building expansion, as submitted to the City Clerk Department.

The following Commissioners were present for the Public Hearing: Powell and Renner.

Commissioner Renner opened the Public Hearing at 4:08 p.m.

Commissioner Renner asked if anyone had registered to speak for or against the application. Ms. Mohan responded that no one registered to speak live nor submitted emailed public comment.

Commissioner Renner asked if there was anyone present to represent the applicant. Ms. Mohan confirmed that Chad Bevers was present virtually.

Chad Bevers, an Owner of Lil Beaver Brewery, after being sworn in, addressed the Commission. He explained they occupied Unit B of the building located at 16 Currency Drive when they initially opened about three years ago, and since then, his partners purchased the entire building and an adjoining lot behind it. He stated the brewery would expand into Unit A and a kitchen would be built into Unit B. Mr. Bevers informed the Commission that they were recently approved for an outdoor patio which continued to be successful.

Commissioner Renner asked if Mr. Bevers was seeking a redefinition of the approved premises to sell alcohol. Mr. Bevers confirmed.

Commissioner Renner asked if Lil Beaver Brewery had any violations. Mr. Bevers confirmed they did not.

Commissioner Powell asked if all staff continued to be BASSET trained and that minors would not be allowed in the tavern per the Bloomington City Code. Mr. Bevers confirmed.

Commissioner Renner closed the Public Hearing at 4:10 p.m.

Commissioner Powell motioned, seconded by Commissioner Renner, to positively recommend to Council the approval of the application and license as presented, contingent upon compliance with all building, health and safety codes.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call roll which resulted in the following:

AYES: Powell, Renner

Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Powell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Renner, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Mohan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk