

FREEPORT LIQUOR COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 10, 2018 – 4:30 P.M.

With a quorum being present, the regular meeting of the Freeport Liquor Commission was called to order by Mayor Miller at 4:31 p.m. on May 10, 2018, in Conference Room 1-A at City Hall, 314 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois.

Present upon roll call were Commissioner and Mayor Jodi Miller and Commissioners Stacy Fernstaedt, Tim Mahoney, Don Parker, and Jeff Davis.

Also present for the City of Freeport: City Clerk Dovie Anderson and City Legal Counsel Steve Cox, Esq.

Others present: Kathy Peugh and Lori Snyder with Expresslane and Tammy Taylor, Vendor Representative; Jennifer Cline and Wendy Arbogast from Casey's; Bob Miller from Cub Foods; and Alderperson Tom Klemm.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Mahoney seconded to approve the minutes from April 12, 2018. Motion prevailed by a voice vote.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Unfinished Business**

**Item 3.A – Status Update – Liquor License for Signature Lounge LLC, 225 W. Main Street – “A”**

Clerk Anderson stated that owner Danaro Thomas cut a new check to pay the fees and submitted a Certificate of Insurance. He has contacted his attorney to begin the process of applying for a State liquor license.

**Item 3.B – Status Update – Wagner House, 1 E. Spring St. – “AR”**

Clerk Anderson reported that Community Development is working with the Wagner House on a Redevelopment Agreement and revolving loan which will take a couple of months. They will have a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy during this time.

**Item 3.C – Status Update – Pride of Freeport, 1220 W. Galena Ave. – “P”**

Their surveillance camera is operational which was a contingency placed upon issuance of their “P” license. They picked up their license.

**Item 3.D – Gomez Reyes Group Inc. d/b/a Galena Supermarket & Restaurant – “R” with Supplemental Package Goods**

They were approved contingent upon receipt of Certificate of Insurance, which is still outstanding, and approval of Resident Manager. The background check has been received from the Police Department and will go on the next agenda.

**New Business**

**Item 3.A – Consideration of a Class “R” Liquor License with Supplemental Outdoor Service for Las Palmas Authentic Mexican Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant at 2022 W. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois**

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Application was withdrawn by owner.

**Item 3.B – Consideration of a Class “LR” Liquor License with Supplemental Video Gaming for Johnson Oil d/b/a Shell Expresslane at 1736 S. West Avenue, Freeport, Illinois**

Attorney Cox stated that he, Mayor Miller, and Clerk Anderson visited the construction underway at Expresslane on West Avenue. A layout was presented to the Commissioners that meets the criteria. The dining area is the minimum 200 square feet. The gaming area will be enclosed by a half wall with glass top enclosure. Commissioner Mahoney stated that he has visited other gaming establishments in northwest Illinois and talked with owners regarding any challenges and was told there have not been any problems. Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the Class “LR” license with Supplemental Packaged Sales and Video Gaming, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Item 3.C – Consideration of a Class “P” Liquor License for Cub Stores, LLC d/b/a Cub Foods at 1512 S. West Avenue, Freeport, Illinois**

Bob Miller with Cub Foods stated that this is for a name change of the corporation from SUPERVALU to Cub Stores, LLC. The ownership did not change. Commissioner Mahoney made a motion to approve the Class “P” license for Cub Foods and Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Item 3.D – Consideration of Request for Resident Manager at Casey’s Retail Co. d/b/a Casey’s General Store #3652, 1775 S. West Avenue, Freeport, Illinois**

Clerk Anderson stated that the background check for Wendy Arbogast was approved by the Chief of Police. Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the change in Resident Manager, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Item 3.E – Report on Hampton Inn/Martini’s on Main**

Attorney Cox stated that there is no one currently operating a restaurant at the Hampton Inn. There has been one inquiry into a new operator. The license for Martini’s on Main is still valid until July 1, 2018. They could apply for a transfer to another location prior to that date. They are aware that if they do not do so, the license will expire and a new license will be required to operate at a different location.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Item 4.A – Reminder of BASSET training**

Clerk Anderson stated that there has been a good response and many have sent an RSVP.

**Item 4.B – Liquor License Application Forms Were Mailed Friday, April 27, 2018**

Applications were mailed and are due for processing by June 1, 2018.

Mayor Miller asked for a common date to schedule a Special Meeting to approve the liquor license submittal for the fair. May 31, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. was decided upon.

**Public Comments**

Aldersperson Klemm asked what the fee was for video gaming. Attorney Cox stated that there was no fee in the case of Shell Expresslane. They were previously a Class B-1 and initially paid \$10,000. So under the new classifications, they are already a Tier I. Class W licensees with video gaming initially paid \$5,000 and are

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grandfathered in. Any new licensees wishing to have video gaming will be required to be a Tier I and pay the \$10,000 issuance fee. Alderperson Klemm also complimented the Liquor Commission for all of their work on the liquor code re-write.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dovie L. Anderson, City Clerk