

**MINUTES OF THE
OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD**
Regular Meeting

Municipal Building Training Room – Room 104
Monday, December 8, 2014
12:00 noon

PRESENT: Chairman Randy Tedford, Secretary Barton Bailey, Colin Colverson, Darren Osborne, Theresa Scott, Debra Solmonson, and Wendy Williams

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: JoAnn Oran, Legal Department
Alan Massengill, Deputy Chief of Police

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Michael Foster, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP)

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Chairman Tedford called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. All members were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Bailey moved to amend the minutes under New/Old Business (Discussion of Recent Action of the Board) to include that the City Manager initiated the discussion. The motion was seconded by Chairman Tedford and the motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Ms. Scott abstaining from the vote due to her absence from the November meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BEER PERMITS AND ASSOCIATED MANAGER APPROVALS

Application #1510
Fuji Japanese Steak House
Chen Guang Zheng and Guang Li, Owners
Guang Li, Manager
100 Wilson Street
Class C Permit

Mr. Guang Li was present to discuss the beer permit application and his manager application. Mr. Zheng, co-owner, was unable to attend. Mr. Li stated his previous experience in selling beer was in Chattanooga at an Asian Buffet restaurant. Mr. Li also stated this establishment would be serving beer only (no liquor) and initially would have three to four servers who would receive training. Ms. Oran reported that the life safety inspection and background information were not completed at this time.

Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Mr. Colverson, to approve the beer permit application and manager application contingent upon passage of the life safety inspection, satisfactory background information, and for Mr. Zheng to amend the application to state that Mr. Li is a co-owner. The motion was approved unanimously. [Note: Mr. Li was already listed as an owner on the application; however, it was on the confidential portion of the beer permit application which is not provided to the Board.]

Application #1511

Billar Bar Latino
Giselle Leticia Gonzalez, Owner
Israel Vargas Gonzalez, Manager
166 Randolph Road
Class C Permit

Ms. Giselle Gonzalez was present to discuss the beer permit application. Mr. Israel Vargas Gonzalez was not present for his manager approval application. Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Chairman Tedford, to hear Application #1511 and #1514 (Latino Market and Party Supplies) together as they had same owner and manager, and the motion carried unanimously.

For Billar Bar Latino, the Board was informed that the applicant was scheduled for a meeting before the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to resolve a zoning issue concerning this business due to a distance requirement between bars. Ms. Oran reported that the life safety inspection was not complete for Billar Bar Latino and that the background information was still pending from out of state. The Board briefly discussed the location, nearby churches and Ms. Gonzalez's lack of general knowledge of the surrounding area. Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to table the application for Billar Bar Latino until the next meeting in order to have more complete information and the motion carried unanimously.

For Latino Market and Party Supplies, the Board asked Ms. Gonzalez about checking beer purchasers' identifications and the establishment's security responsibilities. The Board was informed that the establishment is adjacent to the proposed Bilmar Latino Bar. Ms. Oran reported that the life safety inspection was complete for this location; however background information was still pending from out of state. In the absence of Mr. Gonzalez for the manager application, Mr. Colverson moved (which motion was duly seconded) to postpone the discussion until Mr. Gonzalez arrived and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Gonzalez then called Mr. Gonzalez to come to the meeting.

Application Nos. 1512 and 1513

Big Ed's Pizza
Big Ed's Pizza, Inc., Owner
Jonathan Harris, Manager
101 Broadway Avenue
Class B and C Permits

Ms. Melissa Neusel, President of Big Ed's Pizza Inc., and Mr. Jonathan Harris, manager, were both present to discuss the beer permit application and the manager approval application. Ms. Neusel explained that this application was a corporate change from the Estate of Ed Neusel of which her late husband, David Neusel, was the President, to the new Big Ed's Pizza, Inc. After a brief discussion of the longtime policies and success of the business, Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve both applications and the motion carried unanimously.

Application #1515

Phillips 66
Pankaj Vishnubhai Patel, Owner
Jaymin Patel, Manager
1000 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Class B Permit

Mr. Jaymin Patel was present to discuss the beer permit and manager approval applications. Ms. Oran reported that the life safety inspection was complete; however, background information was still pending. A brief discussion followed with Mr. Patel answering the Board's questions concerning the number of employees (3 full-time and 1 part-time), training of employees, and parking lot responsibility.

Mr. Patel was advised he had the right to refuse selling to anyone who seemed intoxicated and/or impaired. Mr. Patel was advised that he should telephone the Police Department at any sign there might be trouble. Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the applications and the motion carried unanimously.

Application #1514

Latino Market and Party Supplies
Giselle Leticia Gonzalez, Owner
Israel Vargas Gonzalez, Manager
168 Randolph Road
Class B Permit

(See minutes above for Application #1511 for beginning of discussion)

Mr. Gonzalez's arrived (approximately 12:40 p.m.) to discuss his manager application and the Board resumed the discussion this application. Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Gonzalez answered the Board's questions about the business, the number of employees, hours of operation, and security measures for the immediate surrounding parking lot. There was some confusion surrounding prior employment location/address but it was ultimately attributed to Ms. Gonzalez being unfamiliar with local streets. After being cautioned by Chairman Tedford regarding monitoring of the parking lot immediately surrounding the establishment, Mr. Colverson moved (which motion was duly seconded) to approve the applications and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Reports from Oak Ridge Police Department (if any)

None

ASAP – Statistical Information

Mr. Michael Foster, Alliances for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP), made a short presentation regarding statistical information on selling beer to minors that he compiled from various cities. He gave the Board copies of the information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Colverson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m. and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on official copy in City Clerk's Office)
Barton Bailey, Secretary