

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

Municipal Building Training Room – Room 104
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
5:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Barton Bailey, Mark Cantrell, Wende Doolittle, Rodney Nelson, David
Vudragovich and Danny Whitson.

ABSENT: David Mosby

ALSO
PRESENT: John Kelly, Police Lieutenant

AUDIENCE
MEMBERS: ASAP, Stacey Pratt

ROLL CALL

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In the absence of minutes in the pre-meeting packet, Chairman Bailey moved to table the approval of the June 5, 2019 minutes until the next regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vudragovich. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BEER PERMITS AND ASSOCIATED MANAGER APPROVALS

Children's Museum of Oak Ridge (Application #1584 - Class E, Special Event Permit)
Beth Shea, Manager
461 West Outer Drive
Sept. 28, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Ms. Shea was present to discuss the beer permit application. This is a special event featuring Dr. William Bass as guest lecturer. The Children's Museum has had multiple events with no issue. Mr. Whitson raised the concern that Dr. Bass can often draw a younger crowd than most Children's Museum fundraisers. Ms. Shea stated patrons wanting to purchase alcohol will have their IDs checked and then be issued a wristband. The wristbands will be punched for each drink, and attendees will be limited to three drinks. Chairman Bailey advised to be particularly watchful that wristbands are not traded, surreptitiously allowing attendees to exceed the drink limit.

Secretary Doolittle moved, seconded by Mr. Vudragovich to approve the beer permit application. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Ridge Runners Bar & Grill (Application # 1582, Class C- On-Premise Consumption)
Chris R. Vincent, Owner and Manager
259 Warehouse Rd.

Mr. Vincent was present to discuss the beer permit application. Mr. Vincent explained his taking possession of Ridge Runners and spoke at length about his vision for the future of the establishment. Mr. Vincent will have IDs checked at the door using an ID scanner. IDs will also be checked manually by the servers when alcohol is ordered. Understanding the history of issues at Ridge Runners and its previous iterations, Mr. Vincent assured the Board he and his staff are vigilant about not overserving as well as identifying customers who arrive at the establishment already appearing to be intoxicated or under the influence of other substances. Mr. Vincent is working with other area restaurant and bar owners to create a network of open communications to maximize the success of their establishments while also protecting the safety of the community. Together, the bloc of owners are creating a banned customer list; if a customer is banned from one establishment, he or she will be banned from all participating establishments. If one owner or manager has a concern that an intoxicated or otherwise affected person may leave one establishment and attempt to purchase more beverages at another establishment, the owner or manager will give a courtesy call to possible downstream establishments.

Chairman Bailey advised Mr. Vincent of his responsibility to monitor the parking lots and points of ingress and egress to ensure patrons do not enter or leave with alcohol and are not consuming alcohol and other substances in these areas. Secretary Doolittle inquired if Mr. Vincent has a camera system installed. Mr. Vincent stated the camera system has been updated and expanded, adding 16 cameras throughout the building. Mr. Vincent discussed the possibility of adding an outdoor seating area. Chairman Bailey advised that any change to the footprint of the facility would not require a new permit but would require the approval of the Beer Permit Board. Chairman Bailey suggested Mr. Vincent present the Board with proposed plans ahead of making any actual changes.

Chairman Bailey recommended that the staff attend TIPS training and referred them to ASAP as a resource. He also suggested that if there were any issues to not hesitate to contact ORPD. In the absence of Ms. Hurt, the city staff liaison, the Board was unclear as to the status of the background check, the life safety check, and the proof of ownership. Mr. Cantrell moved for the approval of the permit contingent upon passing the background check and the life safety check as well as providing proof of the transfer of ownership. Mr. Whitson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

NEW MANAGER APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

Oak Ridge Country Club
150 Gum Hollow Road
Manager Application: Lindy Marie Colwell

Ms. Colwell was not present to discuss her application. Chairman Bailey moved to table her application until the next regular meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Vudragovich. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

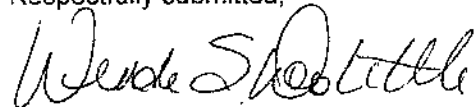
A. Reports from the Police Department – Lt. Kelly explained that there were no reports for this period.

B. Mr. Vudragovich asked if there had been a failure by any Oak Ridge permit holders during a recent Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) underage drinker check. Ms. Pratt of ASAP reported one Oak Ridge business had failed the check and served to a minor—Los Caballeros #2 (1140 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830). The report of the incident stated the ID had been checked, but the minor was still served an alcoholic beverage. Chairman Bailey moved and was seconded by Mr. Cantrell to request the City Legal Department to send a letter to the manager of record to attend the next scheduled meeting to discuss the failure of the ABC check and how to prevent serving to minors in the future. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Cantrell moved, seconded by Mr. Whitson to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary