

MINUTES OF THE

OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD
Special Meeting

Municipal Building Training Room – Room 104
Monday, September 20th, 2021
4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: David Mosby, David Vudragovich, Vice-Chair Mark Cantrell, Secretary Wende Doolittle, Rodney Nelson

ABSENT: Chair Danny Whitson

ALSO PRESENT: Brittany Burger, Administrative Assistant for Oak Ridge Police Department;
Sgt. Wallace, Oak Ridge Police Department
Tammy Dunn
Alex Cramer

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Chantel Harris, ASAP

ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Cantrell called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Secretary Doolittle completed the calling of the roll.

Secretary Doolittle made a motion to amend the agenda to include the Managers' Applications, which had been omitted from the public notice and the agenda. Mr. Vudragovich seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BEER PERMITS AND ASSOCIATED MANAGER APPROVALS

Oakey's Sports Grill (Application #1600 – Class F, On/Off-Premises Consumption)
119 S. Illinois Ave.
Nang Crossno and Lendon Hart

Mr. Crossno and Mr. Hart were present to discuss the application. Vice-chair Cantrell opened the discussion to all members of the Board. Secretary Doolittle asked how the personnel will check IDs. Mr. Crossno explained their point-of-sale system includes a field to log the customer's date of birth. The system also keeps track of the number of drinks per customer. Mr. Nelson inquired if the plans include the sale of wine and liquor. Mr. Crossno and Mr. Hart responded that the establishment is a full-service bar and restaurant. As such, all employees are tip-trained. They went on to explain they are in a soft-opening phase with shortened hours in response to staffing challenges, the ongoing COVID outbreak, and an overall desire to make sure all the processes are working correctly before moving into full opening. At this time, they open at 4:00 p.m. They are also opening early for UT football games and will soon include weekend lunches. There are cameras in place throughout the facility. When asked about the Class F permit, Mr. Crossno and Mr. Hart explained there are no plans for carry-out beer, including growlers. Instead, they anticipate opportunities for catering fundraising events around the city. When asked about how they plan to keep customers from entering and exiting the porch throughout the night, as has been problematic with businesses in this location in the past, Mr. Crossno and Mr. Hart explained the porch space has been expanded to create a better seating area. Members of the waitstaff will be assigned to the porch and trained to be alert to people coming and going from the porch. They are hopeful a more consistent staff presence will discourage unwanted behaviors in that space.

Mr. Vudragovich moved to approve the application. Mr. Nelson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

As Mr. Crossno was the only manager present, his application was the only one considered. Mr. Vudragovich moved to approve the accompanying manager's permit. Mr. Nelson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Crossno and Mr. Hart were advised the additional managers would need to be present at the next regular meeting of the beer permit board for their applications to be approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice-chair Cantrell moved to adjourn at 4:27. Mr. Vudragovich seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary