

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

Municipal Building Training Room – Room 104  
Wednesday, September 2, 2015  
5:15 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Tammy Dunn, Senior Staff Attorney / Staff Liaison to Board  
Lieutenant John Kelly, Oak Ridge Police Department

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Stacy Pratt, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP)  
Kim Pouncey, Top Shelf

**ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Tedford called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. All members were present for roll call except Darren Osborne who arrived later in the meeting. [Note – Mr. Osborne informed the Legal Department prior to the meeting that he may be absent.]

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2015 regular meeting, the August 10, 2015 special meeting, and the August 24, 2015 special meeting and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0, with Ms. Scott abstaining from the vote because she was not present for all of the meetings represented in the minutes.

**APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BEER PERMITS AND ASSOCIATED MANAGER APPROVALS**

Application #1526

Girls. Inc. of Oak Ridge

Secret City Half Marathon and 5k Event (November 21, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

697 Melton Lake Drive – Former House Boat Row area

Lisa Kendall, Supervisor of Sales for Event

Class E Permit

Lisa Kendall was present to discuss this application. The Board discussed with Ms. Kendall the plans for selling beer at this event, specifically regarding wristbands, a limit on the number of beers sold to one person, the location of beer sale and consumption, and the hours of sale. Having no further questions, Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Solmonson, to approve the special event beer permit application and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Application #1530

Rocky Top Market #903  
1190 Oak Ridge Turnpike  
Dunne Manning Stores LLC, Owner  
Judd Garbett, Manager  
Class B Permit

Judd Garbett was present to discuss the applications. Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Chairman Tedford, to hear Application #1530 and Application #1531 together and the motion carried unanimously (6-0). The Board discussed with Mr. Garbett the reason for the application (new corporate owner – “buy out”), training of employees, periodic testing of employees, and the identification policy of the establishments. Lieutenant Kelly reported no recent issues with the establishments.

Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Solmonson, to approve the beer permit applications and manager applications and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Application #1531

Rocky Top Market #905  
20 Jefferson Avenue  
Dunne Manning Stores LLC, Owner  
Judd Garbett, Manager  
Class B Permit

Approved during the discussion of Application #1531 above.

Application #1529

Pie Five  
441 S. Illinois Avenue  
Slice of the Pie, LLC, Owner  
Charles Hampton, Manager  
Class C Permit

Charles Hampton, General Manager, and Spencer Merrell, Regional Director, were present to discuss the application. The Board discussed with Mr. Hampton and Mr. Merrell the identification policy of the establishment, whether food would be required with any beer purchase, and hours of operation. Mr. Merrell stated that managers are involved in all beer transactions and Mr. Hampton stated all managers are over 21.

Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the beer permit applications and manager applications and the motion carried 6-0, with Mr. Osborne abstaining from the vote because he arrived during the discussion. [Note – This application was carried forward from the August 24, 2015 meeting.]

**APPLICATIONS FOR NEW MANAGER APPROVALS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

Reports from Oak Ridge Police Department – None

Mandatory Training

Ms. Scott invited Kim Pouncey with Top Shelf to speak to the Board on the issue of training, which was in response to conversations at the Anderson County Underage Drinking Task Force. Ms. Pouncey discussed her passion for training, with particular emphasis on preventing underage beer purchases through training how to spot fake IDs. There was much discussion on this issue, with comments highlighted below:

Ms. Solmonson stated city ordinance does require training and that she thought the beer permit holders in Oak Ridge did a good job with training their employees. She was unaware of any problems and asked if anyone else was aware of problems.

Chairman Tedford stated the city ordinance does require training, applicants are told to train their employees and are told they have no obligation to sell. He also stated mandatory yearly training would be an unfair burden on the small businesses. He would not be in favor of requiring any specific training program, but would not be opposed to setting goals for businesses regarding training.

Ms. Pouncey stated if compliance checks are not done, then there is no way to know whether employees are selling to underage kids. Additionally, there are ways for the Board to monitor compliance with training by asking for training certificates of employees when a business fails a compliance check and imposing higher penalties if employees are not trained.

Secretary Bailey stated resources are strained for conducting compliance checks. He also stated as far as he was willing to go would be to recommend to Council that training be *equivalent* to the state's responsible vendor training requirements, but not to require certain training organizations or that businesses have to pay for training.

Stacy Pratt, ASAP, offered the services of ASAP as needed and offered to search for grant funding to pay for officer overtime to conduct compliance checks.

Mr. Mosby asked whether there was a problem and, if so, how are they assessing the problem and what is recommended to solve the problem. He stated if he felt something was in the best interests of Oak Ridge, the Board needs to be a voice for the City and to Council.

Ms. Scott stated she believes there is a problem with training because businesses come before the Board and state they will check IDs but convenience store clerks don't ask for IDs and don't pay attention when they do, but are only looking to see if a date is valid. She stated it was important for the Board to make businesses aware of their responsibilities.

Mr. Osborne stated he is in the banking business and IDs are checked all the time to see if they look valid, not expired, etc.

Ms. Williams stated she is just as concerned as Ms. Scott.

Chairman Tedford asked the members to think about it and make notes regarding training.

New Business – Outback Steakhouse

Secretary Bailey asked Ms. Dunn to contact Outback and ask whether they are serving beer during their ABC-imposed suspension.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Secretary Bailey, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on official file copy)

Barton Bailey, Secretary