

## **BEER BOARD MEETING**

**September 11, 2007**

The Jackson, Tennessee Beer Board met at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Board members Charles "Pepper" Bray, Johnny Dodd and Charles Rahm. Also present were Police Commander Dennis Mays and Investigator Wes Stillwell; Gary Hardee, Building and Housing Codes Inspector; and Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

The meeting was called to order. On the motion of Board member Rahm seconded by Board member Bray, the minutes from the September 4, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **BEER APPLICATIONS:**

Chairman Dodd presented an application for Chip Thomas for a business known as Thomas Media for a special occasion permit to "sell, store and serve" beer at concerts to be held at the Carl Perkins Civic Center on September 25 and October 4, 2007. Mr. Chip Thomas was present. On the motion of Board member Rahm, seconded by Board member Bray, the application was unanimously approved.

Chairman Dodd presented applications for businesses known as Steve's Market #1, located at 935 Hollywood Drive, and Steve's Market #2, located at 1706 South Highland Avenue, for "selling, storing and distributing for consumption off the premises." Mr. Saif Saeed, owner and manager, and Mr. Abdul Saleh were present. On the motion of Board member Rahm, seconded by Board member Bray, both applications were unanimously approved.

Chairman Dodd presented an application for a business known as Redbone's Grill & Bar, LLC, located at 584 Carriage House Drive, for a special occasion permit to "sell, store and serve" beer on Saturday, September 15, 2007, on the outside parking lot of a business known as Bumpus Harley Davidson, located at 326 Carriage House Drive. Mr. Steven Trent Alford, representative for the business, was present. On the motion of Board member Rahm, seconded by Board member Bray, the application was unanimously approved.

**SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS:**

Investigator Wes Stilwell gave testimony that a store employee working at an establishment known as Circle K Store #5145, located at 1831 Highway 45 Bypass, unlawfully sold beer on April 26, 2007 to a 19 year-old male undercover informant who was working with local law enforcement. Ms. Paula Jackson and Ms. Megan Arthur, legal council representing the Circle K Store, were present. Ms. Arthur advised that the store was making strides and taking steps to implement their policies to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors. Board member Rahm made a motion to suspend the store's beer license for 30 days for the second offense of unlawfully selling beer to a minor. Board member Bray seconded the motion and the motion to suspend the license for 30 days was unanimously approved.

With no representation for a business known as Goldline, Inc., located at 1819 Highway 45 Bypass, and based on the fact that this was the establishment's second offense of unlawfully selling alcohol to a minor, Board member Rahm made a motion to suspend the beer license for 30 days for the infraction. Board member Bray seconded

the motion and the motion to suspend the license for 30 day was unanimously approved.

Investigator Wes Stilwell gave testimony that a store employee working at an establishment known as East Chester Express, Inc., located at 1296 East Chester Street, unlawfully sold beer on April 26, 2007 to a 19 year-old male undercover informant who was working with local law enforcement. Mr. Riad Razeq, owner of the business, was present and gave the board his interpretation on what happened that evening. On the motion of Chairman Dodd, seconded by Board member Rahm, a civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) assessed against the permit holder for the first offense of unlawfully selling alcohol to a minor was unanimously approved.

Investigator Wes Stilwell gave testimony that a store employee working at an establishment known as ANS One, Inc., located at 2655 North Highland Avenue, unlawfully sold beer on May 11, 2007 to a 19 year-old male undercover informant who was working with local law enforcement. Mr. Tej Singh, owner of the business, was present and offered apologies for the incident. On the motion of Board member Rahm, seconded by Board member Bray, a civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) assessed against the permit holder for the first offense of unlawfully selling alcohol to a minor was unanimously approved.

Investigator Wes Stilwell gave testimony that a store employee working at an establishment known as Quick Stop Mini Market, located at 1425 South Highland Avenue, unlawfully sold beer on April 28, 2007 to a 19 year-old male undercover informant who was working with local law enforcement. Mr. Qahtan Mohammed Alkabsh, owner of the business, was present. On the motion of Board member Rahm,

seconded by Board member Bray, a civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) assessed against the permit holder for the first offense of unlawfully selling alcohol to a minor was unanimously approved.

Investigator Wes Stilwell gave testimony that a store employee working at an establishment known as R & W Gas & Beer, LLC, located at 336 South Highland Avenue, unlawfully sold beer on April 28, 2007 to a 19 year-old male undercover informant who was working with local law enforcement. Mr. Wajdi Kattoom, part owner of the business, was present and gave his interpretation on what happened that evening. On the motion of Board member Bray, seconded by Board member Rahm, a civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) assessed against the permit holder for the first offense of unlawfully selling beer to a minor was unanimously approved.

Investigator Wes Stilwell gave testimony that a store employee working at an establishment known as Safa Petroleum, Inc., doing business as Texaco Food Mart, located at 795 Airways Boulevard, unlawfully sold beer on April 26, 2007 to a 19 year-old male undercover informant who was working with local law enforcement. Mr. Hassan Safa, owner of the business, and Ms. Paula Kirk, were present. Ms. Kirk advised that the cashier miscalculated the young man's age. Ms. Kirk further advised that the cashier was suspended from work for three (3) days for the infraction. On the motion of Chairman Dodd, seconded by Board member Bray, a civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) assessed against the permit holder for the first offense of unlawfully selling beer to a minor was unanimously approved.

Investigator Stilwell gave testimony that a store employee working at an establishment known as Shell Express, located at 253 Airways Boulevard, unlawfully

sold beer on April 26, 2007 to a 19 year-old male undercover informant who was working with local law enforcement. Mr. Abdelellah Awashra, representative for the business, was present and gave his interpretation of what happened on that evening. On the motion of Board member Rahm, seconded by Board member Bray, a civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) assessed against the permit holder for the first offense of unlawfully selling beer to a minor was unanimously approved.

Investigator Stilwell gave testimony that a store employee working at an establishment known as Stop & By, LLC, located at 1353 South Highland Avenue, unlawfully sold beer on April 28, 2007 to a 19 year-old male undercover informant who was working with local law enforcement. Investigator Stilwell gave further testimony that a store employee working at an establishment known as Stop & By, LLC, located at 56 Kenworth Boulevard, unlawfully sold beer on March 8, 2007 to a 19 year-old male undercover informant who was working with local law enforcement. Mr. Bruce Gibson and Ms. Tammy Taylor, representatives for both businesses, were present and explained the employee training policy for cigarette and alcohol sales for the businesses. On the motion of Board member Bray, seconded by Board member Rahm, a civil penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) assessed against the permit holder for both stores for first time offenses of unlawfully selling beer to a minor was unanimously approved.

After hearing testimony from Investigator Stilwell that beer was sold to a minor, board members advised Ms. Adenike Adedeji, representative for the business known as Goldline, Inc., that action was taken earlier in the meeting to suspend the beer license for 30 days.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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JOHNNY DODD, CHAIRMAN