

MINUTES
BEER BOARD MEETING
JUNE 3, 2008

The Jackson, Tennessee Beer Board met at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Board members Charles “Pepper” Bray and Charles Rahm. Board Chairman Johnny Dodd was absent. Also present were Lewis Cobb, City Attorney; Gary Hardee, Neighborhood Services Coordinator for Codes Enforcements; 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 of the May 5, 2008 and May 9, 2008 meetings were unanimously approved.

BEER APPLICATIONS:

Board member Rahm presented an application for a business known as Race Way North, located at 2305A North Highland Avenue, for “selling, storing and distributing for consumption off the premises.” Mr. Krushnakumar Patel, Owner and Manager, was present. On the motion of Board member Bray, seconded by Board member Rahm, the application was unanimously approved.

Board member Rahm presented an application for a business known as Denny’s Restaurant #2293, located at 28 Sand Pebble Road, for “selling, storing and serving on the premises where sold.” Mr. Imran N. Siddiqi, General Manager, and Mr. Lou Latif, Area Manager, were present. On the motion of Board member Bray, seconded by Board member Rahm, the application was unanimously approved.

Board member Rahm presented applications for “selling, storing and distributing for consumption off the premises” for the following stores, known as Star 24 C-Store Management, and their locations: Star 24 #1, located at 236 Oil Well Road; Star 24 #2, located at 230 Oil Well Road; Star 24 #3, located at 1353 South Highland Avenue; and Star 24 #4, located at 56 Kenworth Boulevard. Mr. Ali Al-Jafari and Mr. Ismail Al-Jafari, Corporate Officer and Store Manager for all four stores, were present. On the motion of Board member Bray, seconded by Board member Rahm, the applications were unanimously approved.

Board member Rahm presented an application for a business known as A & A Stop 1, located at 1425 South Highland Avenue, for “selling, storing and distributing for consumption off the premises.” Mr. Anas Al-Abdi, Owner and Manager, was present. Attorney Cobb expressed concern about the owner’s lack of understanding of the legal requirements to obtain a beer permit, and what is required to comply with local ordinances and State laws. The City Attorney observed that there may be a language barrier, and it was noted that Mr. Anas Al-Abdi admitted that he had some difficulty understanding the members of the Beer Board, and their counsel. Board member Rahm explained that it was the responsibility of the applicants to take all actions necessary to familiarize themselves with the procedures for obtaining a permit to sell beer, and take whatever steps are needed to comply with the legal requirements of selling beer at an establishment. Board members expressed concern about the reference letters that were submitted with the application because the letters were identical except for the name of the person making the reference; as if someone else had prepared them, and the letters did not address the issue of the applicant’s character and fitness to be

approved for a Beer license. In fact, in the body of the letter of recommendation there was no mention of the character of the business owner. Board member Rahm made a motion to table the consideration of the application until proper letters of references were received on the owner and his business practices. Board member Bray seconded the motion and the motion to table the consideration of the application passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JOHNNY DODD, CHAIRMAN