

MINUTES
BEER BOARD MEETING
JUNE 12 and 13, 2008

The Jackson, Tennessee Beer Board met at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2008, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Board members Charles “Pepper” Bray, Johnny Dodd and Charles Rahm. Also present were Attorney Teresa Luna from City Attorney Lewis Cobb’s office 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 June 3, 2008 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 an event to be held at the Jackson Fairgrounds Park on June 13 & 14, 2008 known as the Truck and Tractor Pull. Mr. Chip Thomas was present. On the motion of Board member Bray, seconded by Board member Rahm, the application was unanimously approved.

Chairman Dodd 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 of the business, was present. The consideration of a beer permit for the business was tabled at the last meeting until proper letters of references were received on the owner and his business practices. Board members expressed concerned about the authenticity of the new

reference letters that were submitted for review at today's meeting. The letters were typed and seemed similar in appearance with a couple of them having the same words misspelled. Board members were also concerned about the signature on one letter because it did not seem to match the name of the person giving the reference. Mr. Al-Abdi was advised that the people giving the reference should write the letter themselves to which he replied that the people did write the reference letters themselves. Mr. Al-Abdi was advised to take the reference letters back and bring back handwritten letters. After further consideration of the matter, Mr. Al-Abdi was advised that the Beer Board would consider his request on Friday, June 13, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Mr. Al-Abdi was asked to bring three people with him that would give him a reference.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 3:10 p.m. All members were present except Board member Charles "Pepper" Bray. Chairman Dodd made a motion to recess today's meeting until 9:00 a.m., Friday, June 13, 2008. Board member Rahm seconded the motion and the motion to recess was approved.

JUNE 13, 2008 – 9:00 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Board member Charles "Pepper" Bray. Mr. Lewis Cobb, City Attorney, and Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes, were also present.

Chairman Dodd 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 of the business, was present. Mr. Al-Abdi was advised at the last meeting to bring three people with him

that would give a reference about his character and business practices. Attorney Cobb advised that the sale of alcohol was something of great concern to board members. Attorney Cobb also advised that board members were concerned about their ability to communicate with Mr. Al-Abdi and were concerned about the reference letters that were submitted, which were not what the board members expected. Attorney Cobb further advised that board members wanted to make sure that Mr. Al-Abdi understood the responsibility and requirements of having a beer permit and asked the people who were present on Mr. Al-Abdi's behalf if they thought Mr. Al-Abdi had the ability to understand the liquor and beer laws, and if they thought he would be able to enforce the laws. Mr. Adil Alaudi and Mr. Abdo Albadani, whose addresses are 4078 Highway 45 South, Pinson, Tennessee; and Mr. Reginald Merriweather, whose address is 203 Birch Street in Jackson, Tennessee; were present and gave a verbal reference for Mr. Al-Abdi. Mr. Alaudi, Mr. Albadani and Mr. Merriweather advised that Mr. Al-Abdi would be able to enforce the liquor and beer laws and advised that they would make sure Mr. Al-Abdi understood the responsibility and requirements of having a beer permit. On the motion of Board member Rahm, seconded by Chairman Dodd the application was unanimously approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JOHNNY DODD, CHAIRMAN