

MINUTES
BEER BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2009

The Jackson, Tennessee, Beer Board met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Board members Johnny Lee Dodd, Charles “Pepper” Bray and Charles Rahm. Also present were City Attorney Lewis Cobb; Gary Hardee, Housing Code Enforcement Coordinator; Jackson Police Lieutenant Mike Johnson and Captain Thom Corley; and Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

The meeting was called to order. On the motion of Board member Dodd, seconded by Board member Bray, the minutes from the September 24, 2009 meeting were approved.

BEER APPLICATIONS:

Chairman Rahm presented an application for Anthony Stokes for a business known as Sinsations Entertainment Complex, located at 13 Bond Street, for “selling, storing and serving on the premises where sold.” Mr. Anthony Cedric Stokes, owner and manager of the business, was present. Mr. Stokes advised that he planned to mainly rent the facility out for different types of events such as birthday parties, family gatherings and banquets. Mr. Stokes advised that the business would not be open on a regular schedule and that he was familiar with the beer laws. On the motion of Board member Dodd, seconded by Board member Bray, the application was unanimously approved.

Chairman Rahm presented an application for a business known as Drink, located at 23 Heritage Square, for “selling, storing and serving on the premises where sold.”

Mr. David L. Renfro, II, manager and part owner, was present and gave the business location and the hours of operation for the business. Mr. Renfro was asked if he had any concerns about parking and if parking lot security was going to be provided. Mr. Renfro advised that the business owners in the area were all in agreement that there should not be a problem in sharing the parking lots as long as the lots were maintained and cleaned. Mr. Renfro advised that parking lot security would be provided and mentioned that a program where bar owners could supplement their parking lot security with off-duty police officers had been discussed with the Mayor. Captain Thom Corley advised that the program to supplement parking lot security with off-duty police officers had been discussed but not approved. Mr. Renfro advised that he wanted to cater to the twenty-one and older crowd and provide a safe environment for his customers. Mr. Renfro was asked about the involvement and role of his business partners, Mr. William T. Diamond and Mr. Nathan Lee Frazier. Mr. Renfro advised that Mr. Diamond and Mr. Frazier were "behind the scene" business partners whereas he would be the main operator and manager of the business. Attorney Cobb inquired as to whether the William Diamond who was involved with businesses known as The Bounce and Platinum Plus was the same William Diamond listed on the application as Mr. Renfro's business partner. Mr. Renfro advised that it was the same person. Mr. Renfro further advised that he did not foresee Mr. Diamond's past business involvements being a problem with the operation of the business. On the motion of Board member Dodd, seconded by Board member Bray, the application was unanimously approved. Mr. Renfro was encouraged to put some type of parking lot security in place for his facility and not wait on the implementation of a program to supplement parking lot security with off-duty police officers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

CHARLES RAHM, CHAIRMAN