



Meeting Minutes - Final License and Variance Board

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

1. Roll Call

Present: 3 - Roy Acree, Tammi Saddler Jones and Scott Stokes

Also Present: 3 - Joey Staubes, Jim Cox and Terri Graham

2. Call to Order

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones called the License and Variance Board to Order at 10:00 AM. She introduced the members of the License and Variance Board; Fire Chief Roy Acree was to her left and Public Works Director Scott Stokes was to Mr. Acree's left. City Clerk Terri Graham recorded the official meeting minutes.

3. Business

- A.** Public Hearing - Privilege License Request LIC2018-05 - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Pouring - 160 Legion Drive - American Legion Smyrna GA Post 160 dba American Legion Post 160 with Johnnie Ralph copeland as agent.

Sponsors: Welch

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones called Johnnie Ralph Copeland to come forward. Ms. Saddler Jones asked if Mr. Copeland had received, read, and understood the City's Alcohol Beverage Ordinance. Mr. Copeland replied that he had, and agreed to abide by the ordinance. Ms. Saddler Jones asked if Mr. Copeland had completed the prerequisite Responsible Alcohol Sales class. He confirmed that he had. Ms. Saddler Jones asked what steps are in place to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors. He is in charge of the bartenders in the Legion. Everyone will have to provide their identification. Typically, people who are underage do not come in to the establishment. People under the age of 21 are not allowed to be in the bar area as well.

Boardmember Stokes asked if the applicant had been the registered agent for this or any other establishment. He stated he had not. Mr. Stokes asked what The Legion's hours were. Mr. Copeland said they are open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 - 10:00 PM; Friday and Saturday from 4:00 - 12:00 PM. Mr. Copeland is always there when the establishment is open.

Boardmember Acree assumed that typically people at the Legion are Legion member or their guest and asked if that was correct. Mr. Copeland said that was correct. Mr. Acree asked if people ever came in to be served that were not members. Mr. Copeland replied they do not.

The City Administrator asked if Mr. Copeland understood that from time to time, the

Smyrna Police Department operates undercover inquiries to make sure that none of the employees sale to minors and if they do sale to minors, the employee will be taken immediately to jail. He said he understood. Ms. Saddler Jones stated that the Smyrna Police Department had done a criminal background check and found no information that would preclude issuance of this particular license.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones called for a public hearing and no one came forward to speak regarding this issue.

A motion was made by Boardmember Scott Stokes to approve Privilege License Request LIC2018-05 for Beer, Wine, and Liquor Pouring located at 160 Legion Drive for the American Legion Smyrna GA Post 160 dba American Legion Post 160 with Johnnie Ralph Copeland as the agent; seconded by Boardmember Roy Acree. The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Roy Acree, Tammi Saddler Jones and Scott Stokes

4. Approval of Minutes:

A. Approval of the January 10, 2018 License and Variance Board Minutes

A motion was made by Boardmember Roy Acree to approve the January 10, 2018 License and Variance Board Minutes; seconded by Boardmember Scott Stokes. The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Roy Acree, Tammi Saddler Jones and Scott Stokes

5. Adjournment

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones adjourned the meeting of the License and Variance Board at 10:06 AM.