



# TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY

## Beer Board

### October 08, 2024, 6:00 PM

### Minutes

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Greer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerald Greer  
Vice Mayor Chris Kerrigan  
Councilman Tim Adkins  
Councilwoman: Nicole Binkley  
Councilman Michael Smith  
Councilman Kevin Thompson  
Councilman Tony Young

#### PUBLIC HEARING

1. Advertisement for Beer Board Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to close the public hearing. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilman Adkins, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Thompson, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilwoman Binkley, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Beer Board September 10, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the September 10, 2024, beer board minutes. All approved by voice vote.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

NONE

#### NEW BUSINESS

3. R and R Beer Sale Violation - 1st Offense

The owner was called up by Mayor Greer and asked to state his name. He gave his name as Dhavalkumar Patel. Mayor Greer asked for the documents in the violation from the recorder. Mary stated that all the documents went to the county because it was their operation. She suggested calling on Chief Ray. Mayor then asked Chief Ray to come up to the podium and speak.

**Chief Ray:** stated that the county conducted a sting operation, and the clerk was cited for selling beer to an underage individual.

**Mayor Greer:** asked what is the normal practice for a 1<sup>st</sup> violation?

**Chief Ray:** Stated that normally on 1<sup>st</sup> violation that we give a warning. Repeated violations would lead to fines for the owner of the store.

**Attorney Jennifer Noe:** Stated that we are not giving a warning the first time and we need to determine if he is a responsible vendor.

**Mr. Patel:** stated that he does not report to ABC because he does not sell liquor and only sells beer.

**Attorney Noe:** stated that he would still need to be a responsible vendor.

**Mayor Greer:** asked the council for opinions on what they should do about this violation.

**Councilman Smith:** asked what we normally fine in a first offense?

**Attorney Noe:** stated that typically it would be a range between \$ 500.00 to \$ 1000.00.

**Mr. Patel:** states that he has changed the way they sell beer, and he now has a system in place that the clerks must scan the ID on each sale and the reader can read all licenses from any state. He stated that the clerk has already gone to court on this matter as well.

**Councilman Thompson:** asked if everyone has been trained like this now.

**Mr. Patel:** stated that all staff are now trained this way. He stated that the outcome in court for the clerk was a fine of \$ 360.00.

**Attorney Noe:** stated that if he has a responsible vendor license it would make a difference in the fines and the consequences. She highly recommends that the owner does this.

**Mayor Greer:** stated that the council highly recommends it as well.

**Mr. Patel:** Asked some questions about what paperwork he would need to get.

**Attorney Noe:** gave him direction on how to obtain the responsible vendor license.

**Mr. Patel:** asked who to contact when he has obtained the responsible vendor license.

**Attorney Noe:** advised him to contact Mary Molepske the City recorder with his information.

**Mayor Greer:** asked for a recommended course of action for this violation.

**Councilwoman Binkley:** suggested If Mr. Patel obtains the responsible vendor license within a certain amount of time, we waive the fee.

**Councilman Smith:** thinks that would be fine to do. He is obviously showing they are trying to correct this error.

**Councilman Thompson:** referred to Attorney Noe to ask the time frame to obtain the responsible vendor license.

**Vice Mayor Kerrigan:** advised that there are other programs to obtain it privately other than the State of Tennessee. He advised him of the places to find all the options.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilwoman Binkley, to waive the fine of \$ 500.00 if the owner Mr. Patel obtains the Responsible vendor license within 120 days of the meeting. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Young, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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MAYOR GERALD GREER

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CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE