

ALCOHOL CONTROL COMMISSION

Monday, July 20, 2015

The Alcohol Control Commission met at 5:00 p.m. this date in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 601 Broad Street. Chairman Slack presided with Commissioner Canada, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Redding, and Mr. Doss present. Commissioner Lee was absent and excused.

Minutes – June 15, 2015

The minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting, as submitted in writing by the Secretary, were approved by an unanimous consent.

Crawdaddy's Cajun & Creole Cuisine, 239 Broad Street

The application of Dereck Brady, owner and manager of Crawdaddy's Cajun & Creole Cuisine, 239 Broad Street, was presented. Mr. Brady requested that a new Beer and Wine Pouring License be issued to him at that location. Mr. Brady was present, and all papers were in order.

Mr. Brady stated that he has read and understands Rome's Alcohol Rules and Regulations. He commented briefly on his training program that he will have for his small number of employees with particular attention being made to ensuring that everyone who consumes alcohol is of age. Mr. Brady has August 11, 2015 target date for opening.

Commissioner Canada moved to approve the license request as submitted, subject to all final inspections and approvals by the appropriate City officials. Commissioner Doss seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

J. R. Crickets, 201 Broad Street

The application of Drew Montgomery, manager of J. R. Crickets, 201 Broad Street, was presented. Mr. Montgomery request that a new Beer, Wine, and Liquor Pouring License be issued to him at that location. It was noted that several establishments have held alcohol licenses at this location through the years. This is the site of Broad Street and Second Avenue. There was some discussion between the ACC members and Mr. Montgomery regarding his format for the new business, as well as standard questions regarding training for his employees and adherence to other alcohol rules and regulations. Mr. Montgomery will be using the corporate training policy that has been developed by the J. R. Crickets franchise system. Secretary Smith noted that Chief Snow and he are discussing one background investigation issue that still exists on Mr. Montgomery's record. He expects this to be resolved in the near future.

Commissioner Canada moved to approve the license request for J. R. Crickets, subject to all final inspections and approvals by the appropriate City officials. Mr. Hyde seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Police Report

Rome Police Chief Elaine Snow presented the police report for the previous 30-day period. There was only one arrest that took place at an alcohol establishment for an alcohol violation during that time period. That report was accepted without debate.

Secretary Smith reported that a police citation was issued at Rambo's, North Broad Street. Rambo's takes advantage of the City's optional plan allowing them to make quarterly payments for their annual alcohol license. Rambo's had not made their payment which was due on July 1st. On July 5th, a 5% penalty provision was invoked, and as a result of the July 15th deadline, Rambo's still had not made their third quarterly payment. They were notified that, since they had not yet renewed the license, they were no longer allowed to sell alcohol until such time that the payment was made. On July 19th, the Rome Police Department visited Rambo's, found them open for business and serving alcohol. As a result, a citation was issued. There was discussion regarding whether ACC actions should take place as a result of this violation. While a monetary penalty has been imposed due to the late payment and the police citation will require an attendance in Municipal Court by the operator, the ACC could consider additional action against the business for their failure to comply with the payment requirement. The ACC members understand that, for a business that does not have the money to make their payment, they have the option of not selling alcohol until such time as they are able to make their payment. Under that scenario, no violation would have occurred; however, the failure to pay and continuing the alcohol operation is the issue at hand.

It was decided that the ACC would discuss this matter in more detail at the August meeting. Secretary Smith was asked to develop options for the ACC to consider at that meeting.

On Friday, July 24th, the licensee for Rambo's did make their third quarterly payment to the City of Rome.

Adjourned

With there being no further business, Chairman Slack adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Joseph F. Smith
City Clerk