

## **ALCOHOL CONTROL COMMISSION**

**Monday, August 17, 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, Commissioner Lee, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Redding, and Mr. Doss present.

### **Minutes – July 20, 2015**

The minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting, as submitted in writing by the Secretary, were approved by an unanimous consent.

### **Circle K Convenient Stores – Various Locations**

Applications for the Circle K Convenient Stores, located at 1501 Martha Berry Boulevard, 2401 Garden Lakes Boulevard, 6 Shorter Avenue, 1425 Turner McCall Boulevard, 2221 Shorter Avenue, and 910 North Broad Street, was presented. The Circle K stores at these locations all have a Beer Package License and are requesting that New Wine Package License be issued at each location. Mr. Brandon Jade Barnett, the Assistant Area Manager, will be the licensee at all six locations. Mr. Barnett was present, and all papers were in order. Mr. Barnett also holds a Beer Package License in unincorporated Floyd County at a Circle K store. Mr. Barnett reported he has received a copy of Rome's Alcohol Rules and Regulations and is familiar with those provisions including the prohibition against the sale of alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age.

Commissioner Canada moved to approve the Wine Package License for the six Circle K convenient stores as requested. Commissioner Lee seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

### **Studio Siri, LLC, 1205 Dean Avenue**

The application of Siri Selle was presented. Ms. Selle requested that a new Wine Pouring License be issued to her at Studio Siri, 1205 Dean Street. It was explained that she will not be a typical wine pouring establishment. She wishes to offer evening painting classes and allow her customers to bring their own wine if they desire. Since she is a business and will be allowing alcohol consumption on site, a pouring license is necessary.

Ms. Selle spent time explaining her concept to the Alcohol Control Commission and also assuring them that she would monitor these small painting groups to ensure that those consuming alcohol are of legal drinking age.

Commissioner Canada moved to approve the license request as submitted. Commissioner Lee seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

### **Quarterly License Payments System - Violations**

The subject of violations, related to the quarterly license payment system, was discussed. At the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Alcohol Control Commission, it was reported that there

had been a violation at Rambo's, located on North Broad Street. Rambo's is one of four establishments in Rome that pay their annual beer, wine, and liquor pouring license fee in quarterly installments. Secretary Smith explained that when an establishment elects to participate in the quarterly installment payment system, payments are due on the first of January, April, July, and October. If the payments are not made by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the quarter, then a 5% penalty goes into effect. If the license fee is not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the quarter, then the license becomes invalid until such time as the payment is made. If the license becomes invalid, they are officially notified by the City Clerk's Office that their license is invalid, and they are not allowed to sell alcohol until the license payment is made. In the case of Rambo's, they did not renew their license by the 15<sup>th</sup> of July and continued to sell alcohol, and the result was a citation being issued by the Rome Police Department. The individual manager at Rambo's who was cited is scheduled to attend court on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The Municipal Court Judge will determine the appropriate fine if the individual is found guilty.

The Alcohol Control Commission discussed whether or not any additional action should be taken in the case of a violation of this nature. Secretary Smith had presented a summary of the current procedure, as well as some possible additional options for the Alcohol Control Commission. After a brief discussion, by the ACC, it was determined that they would like to have the establishment appear before the ACC for a hearing in the event of a future violation of this nature. The Alcohol Control Commission would then examine the individual circumstances (like they do at any hearing) to determine if any additional action is warranted.

Commissioner Lee moved to implement this policy that will be followed in the event of a future violation of this nature. Mr. Redding seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

### **Police Report**

Major Debbie Burnett of the Rome Police Department presented the police report for the previous 30-day period. It was routine in nature with only three incidents occurring during that time. One incident was the Rambo's violation which was previously discussed. The other two violations were relatively simple drunk and disorderly arrests that took place at Applebee's and Mellow Mushroom.

### **Update**

Secretary Smith updated the ACC on the status of two licenses approved earlier this year. Buchanan Sports Bar, which is located in an outparcel at Mt. Berry Square Mall, has secured their City of Rome Beer Pouring License. Buchanan's did get approval for beer, wine, and liquor pouring; however, they have elected to only purchase beer pouring at this time.

Secretary Smith is under the impression that plans are continuing for Mr. Larry Martin to build his new Liquor Package store on Shorter Avenue. Ricky Singh, Mr. Martin's

partner, has been in communication with the City Clerk's office concerning his plans for "growler" beer sales, in conjunction with this new outlet.

**Adjourned**

With there being no further business, Chairman Slack adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Joseph F. Smith  
City Clerk