

ALCOHOL CONTROL COMMISSION

Monday, October 19, 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, and Mr. Doss present. Mr. Redding was absent and excused.

Minutes – August 17, 2015

The minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting, as submitted in writing by the Secretary, were approved by an unanimous consent. There was no September meeting of the Alcohol Control Commission.

River Dog Outpost, 1 Broad Street

The application of Constance Sams, co-owner of River Dog Outpost, 1 Broad Street, was presented. Ms. Sams requested that a new Beer and Wine Pouring License be issued to her at that location. Ms. Sams was present and explained that River Dog Paddle Company, located in the Cotton Block of Broad Street, plans to expand their business to include the River Dog Outpost. This will be located at the current site of the old Gulf Service Station at 1 Broad Street. Ms. Sams explained that their plans are to remove the existing deck at 1 Broad Street and construct a gravel patio which will be surrounded by a decorative fence. She further explained that they will appear before the Rome Historic Preservation Commission to seek approval to make alterations to 1 Broad Street to allow their plans to go forward. At the rear of the structure, a bar will be constructed with a customer service window, and they will serve beer and wine. While they will not prepare food on site, they do plan to have pre-prepared food available for consumption. Mr. and Mrs. Sams feel that this beer/garden concept will be a nice addition to their existing business.

After a brief discussion regarding this matter with standard alcohol compliance questions being answered, Commissioner Lee moved to approve the license request as submitted, subject to all final inspections and approvals by the Building Inspector, Fire Marshal, and Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Canada seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Swerve, 108 Broad Street

Ms. Valerie Featherston, co-owner of Swerve, 108 Broad Street, was present and requested that a new Wine Pouring License be issued to her at that location. Ms. Featherston explained that she and two other Floyd County art teachers plan to open Swerve at 108 Broad Street. This business will be an art gallery and will offer various art classes to both adults and children. They would like permission to allow customers to bring their own beer and wine to the adult art classes. This concept is similar to Studio Siri which was recently approved by the Alcohol Control Commission.

After some questions and answers by Ms. Featherston and the ACC, Commissioner Canada moved to approve the Beer and Wine Pouring License as requested at Swerve, 108 Broad Street. Mr. Doss seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Police Report

Deputy Police Chief Travis Goss was present and presented the police report. Deputy Chief Goss explained there were sixteen arrests that took place at the Rome River Jam 2015. This event was held on September 26th at the Coosa Valley Fairgrounds. Goss explained that there were a variety of arrests, the majority of which were for drunk and disorderly conduct and underage possession of alcohol. While this is a high number of arrests for one event, it represents less than one-half of one percent of those in attendance at this special concert. Off-duty Rome Police Officers were used as security for this event and received full cooperation of the promoters of Rome River Jam.

Deputy Police Chief Goss highlighted two other routine alcohol events that occurred during this period.

Rambo's, 1817 North Broad Street

Secretary Smith explained that once again, Rambo's has failed to meet their quarterly pouring license payment on time. The fourth quarter payment for 2015 was due on October 1st and became late on October 5th with the addition of a 5% penalty. After the 15th of October, the license becomes void and alcohol cannot be sold or consumed on premises until the license is renewed. The Police Department investigated Rambo's during the weekend of October 16th and 17th and found no evidence of an alcohol violation. If an alcohol violation is detected, a citation will be issued, and representatives from Rambo's will be instructed to appear before the Alcohol Control Commission at a License Hearing.

Rambo's made their fourth quarter Alcohol License payment on October 22nd.

Adjourned

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

Joseph F. Smith
City Clerk