

December 20, 2010
Special Meeting – 9:00 A.M.

The City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners met in special session on December 20, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall. Present were Mayor Keith, Attorney Lair, Commissioners Grayson, Mattmiller and Moore. Commissioner New was absent.

Mayor Keith called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting was discussion and first reading of Ordinance #1476 – allowing liquor by the drink in certain establishments in Cynthiana.

PURPOSE OF
MEETING

Mayor Keith reported that Attorney Lair had studied this issue and has drawn an ordinance. This ordinance goes to purpose to promote economic growth, development and promote growth of tourism in Cynthiana.

Mayor Keith reviewed the highlights of this ordinance and the conditions set forth.

Attorney Lair read the first reading of Ordinance #1476 to allow liquor by the drink in certain establishments in Cynthiana.

FIRST READING ORD
1476-LIQUOR BY
DRINK

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1476. Commissioner Mattmiller seconded. Commissioner Moore; yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Grayson: yes; Mayor Keith: yes. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Keith reported that there are provisions outside the KRS that they have a voice in. This would be the amount of the fee and hours of sale.

Commissioner Moore stated Falmouth has a 2% fee. Would Cynthiana's not be same.

Commissioner Mattmiller stated this ordinance applies to restaurants only, not bars, not night clubs. There is no Sunday sales. He reiterated this is a matter of economic growth. Falmouth has recognized \$28,000 - \$30,000. Our revenues could potentially be twice as much due to our size difference.

Commissioner Grayson stated that Paris and Georgetown have this.

Commissioner Mattmiller stated that Williamstown and Dry Ridge do also.

Mayor Keith reported that the second item on the agenda was discussion and possible first reading of an ordinance to impose a regulatory license fee on the gross sales of alcoholic beverages.

Attorney Lair reported that when it came up about what the two percent gross sales receipts would go on, he learned that Falmouth imposed this fee on all sales including package sales. Ordinance #1476 only allows the 2% fee on the sale of liquor by the drink. Not package sales, not private club sales.

POSSIBLE 2%
REGULATORY FEE ON
ALCOHOL SALES

The question is does the City want to impose the 2% fee on all alcohol sales.

Commissioner Mattmiller asked if this would be on beer and wine sales

that are in restaurants now. No. That is the question that has come up. Lair was not sure what he was to prepare.

Commissioner Mattmiller stated he was of the understanding the 2% would be on all sales of alcohol. This is what he based the figures he cited on.

Attorney Lair stated you have a private club selling all three types of alcohol, restaurants selling some, grocery stores selling some, package stores selling some.

Commissioner Moore stated she feels it should be across the board on all alcohol sales.

Commissioner Mattmiller stated Lair should prepare an ordinance to allow the 2% regulatory fee on all sales.

LAIR TO PREPARE
ORD FOR 2%
REGULATORY FEES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Grayson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Moore seconded. Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner Moore: yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Mayor Keith: yes. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Charleen McIlvain, City Clerk

John M.Keith, Jr., Mayor