



MINUTES OF MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE BEER BOARD

Date: September 16, 2020
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: Massey Chambers

Present:

Chairman Harry Bell
Vice Chairman Jerry Mayes
Ernest Denson
Mike Ryman

Also Present:

City Manager Tim Ellis
Police Chief Gary Goodwin
City Attorney Russell Freeman
Clerk Rachel Hoover

Absent:

Doug Mullican

Chairman Harry Bell called the meeting to order. Mr. Mike Ryman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9th meeting, seconded by Mr. Ernest Denson, approved 4-0.

No citizen comments.

No City Staff comments.

No Old business.

New business: Mr. Keith Zust, part owner, represented Farm2Table DBA PitchFork Pizza located at 401 Long Hollow Pike STE. 100, Goodlettsville, TN. Mr. Zust has requested an off-premise beer license for the sale of growlers. They have 16 specialty beers that they want to offer for others to take home with them. They have gone through the right channels as to the correct way for them to be taken home as well as rules and regulations that come with selling them. Mr. Ernest Denson made a motion to approve the Off-Premise Beer permit for PitchFork Pizza. seconded by Mr. Jerry Mayes, the board approved the off-premise license 4-0.

New Business: Mr. Ellis mentioned in the previous meeting that we would be making an amendment to the Municipal Code 2. The Member has no issue with the verbiage to be added. City Attorney wanted to expand to 3 other sections that had alcohol to food sales sections 2:14 (3), 2:16 (1), 2:24 these already in existent percentage required, this will just be added this verbiage at the end, nothing else will change. The member of the Board was to vote on this and it will then be sent to the City Commissioners for their consideration of the readings. Mr. Jerry Mayes made a motion to adapt the Amendment to the Municipal Code, seconded by Mr. Jerry Mayes, the board approved the off-premise license 4-0.

The meeting was sent into a brief recess due to Poncita Jobe not being present for the Beer Meeting on time and were to wait for her arrival which was a 15-minute, meeting paused at 9:13 A.M.

Meeting came out of Recess and began once Ms. Jobe showed up at 9:28 A.M.

New Business: Poncita Job, owner of Ponobes Party Bar and Grill located at 903 Rivergate Parkway, Goodlettsville, TN has come before the board for activities/ concerns of the size and thing going on at the business. City Manager Tim Ellis spoke first stating he was concerned with some of the activity and size of those activities going on at Ponobes. Mr. Ellis proceeds that he understood she was given a misdemeanor citation by the Davidson County Health Department. Ms. Jobe agreed that she had and it was her first one. He proceeds to state the State Order number 11 states 50% percent capacity and to be closed by 10:30 P.M. Order number 8 states that all required to wear a mask except when eating and they must be sitting down. Mr.

Ellis then discusses an event at Ponobes Party Bar and Grill on August 29, 2020, "we lit stripper bash" Ms. Ponobe stated that that never happened and they did not have that party, someone just made that flyer, but it never happened and they closed down when they were supposed to and closed down accordingly. Mr. Ellis shows a video to Ms Jobe from the date he had recently mentioned and she proceeds to explain that, that was just a modeling search for the Floyd Mayweather, they were dancing, not stripping. He asks if she was aware at what the legal definition of "indecent exposure" was and she mentioned she knew what it was now and she asked the girls to stop. Mr. Ellis questions what night this was on and instead of the 29th previous mentioned it was on a Wednesday. Mr. Ellis then brings up that he needs to swear Ms. Jobe in and asks the City Attorney, Russell Freeman to do so. He proceeds that this happened the 26th of August for the "modeling" talent showcase, Ms. Jobe confirms this and they proceed with the legal definition of indecent exposure. She was allowing her business to perform these acts, she herself can not be cited for this but the other could. Moving forward to the weekend Mr. Mayweather was to be present, she confirms and questions were asked about ticket were sold to this event, general admission and VIP tickets. Members of the Board were asked to preview another video of the over crowding of the venue which was to only hold 258 and there was over 300 people in the building and crowding in the parking lot. The footage was taken by Sgt. Shoesmith of the Goodlettsville Police Department. Ms. Jobe confirms they had overcrowding, and that her clickers said over 300 and that those security guards were not her security and she had one security at the door. Mr. Ellis asks Sgt. Shoesmith to step up and testify on the night this occurred. City Attorney then swears him in. Mr. Ellis asks for an estimate of how many people who present, Sgt. Shoesmiths says over 300 and he had no knowledge of a clicker being used. He mentions he smelt marijuana, parking issues and they had shut down Rivergate Parkway due to Mr. Mayweather entrance. He then calls us Mr. Bauer with Goodlettsville City Codes up to testify after being sworn in my City Attorney Freeman. He asks Mr. Bauer that he was called out to the scene after being told they exceeded how many people, he said he did not see a clicker nor could he find anyone with a clicker. He asks if he saw any other issues and he stated he came 20 mins later and metro PD had cleared most of it out. Mr. Ellis then asks Ms. Jobe to step back up to the mike and asks her if she has ever permitted Marijuana to be sold at her venue, she states no. Mr. Ellis then bring up another event this weekend about "rap yah ass off" beginning at 7p.m. and ending around midnight, she stated that that was created before COVID and those hours had changed. Moving on to another question from Mr. Ellis he asks Ms. Jobe a question regarding a conversation they previously had in December of 2019 regarding Ms. Melise Calhoun being a partner in her business, as stated in the beer permit, if you have 5% or more in the company you have to get a background check. She told Mr. Ellis she is not a partner; she had given Ms. Jobe money but was not a partner in the business. Ms. Jobe then states she was being sued by Ms. Calhoun. Mr. Ellis proceeds with another video of a previous beer meeting about Ms. Calhoun and his concerns about the partnership. He then presents her with a partnership agreement that was entered in May, 2017. Everything matched with her signature but Ms. Jobe states she never went through with it, it never went forward. It was the only paper that has her signatures with both of them. She states Ms. Calhoun never wanted to be put on everything, nor take the proper steps just that she had given her money. She states she wanted her to be a partner but again states never proceeded with those steps. Questions were brought up about the parking situations with surrounding businesses and if she still had agreements with those businesses, she stated she still payed them and had those agreements to clean up the lot every night it was used. Mr. Ellis states to the Chairman Bell that these were the cities concerns and explains those concerns again. City Attorney Freeman has some questions for Ms. Jobe. He again refers to the partner and how funds were handled and Ms. Jobes admits to Ms. Calhoun embezzling money from the Ponobes business account, that they had together. They again discuss that Ms. Calhoun gave a one-time payment and would pay a light bill or phone bill now and then but that is all. When asked why she wasn't included in the Beer Board application, she said Ms. Calhoun didn't want to be on any paperwork, she wanted the benefits of all the business but never wanted to do anything to help elsewhere. Ms. Jobes states she did everything for the business and she still does everything, this was her business. Attorney Freeman mentions the Mayweather event having tickets sold. They discuss that they had to many people in the building that night and things were wild at the event. He discusses another event with the modeling for Mayweather, she states she never discussed with the rules and regulations with Eventbrite, whom sold the tickets, about her venues rules and what is expected, Attorney Freeman had no further questions. Mr. Ellis had another question regarding the Partnership with Ms. Jobe, again she states they were partners in the beginning but it never moved forward because she didn't want to get on any legal documents. Mr. Ellis then hands Ms. Jobe a letter discussing her partnership to Ms. Calhoun dissolving the

partnership they had and mentioning it was a pleasure working with her. Ms. Jobe explains that she was replying back to a letter that she had previously sent wanting money back that she loaned to Ms. Jobe. As previously discussed, the partnership is in question to many members to the board. Mr. Ellis states information in the letter and questions again the partnership. City Attorney steps in with more questions about the partnership with Ms. Calhoun. City Attorney also asks about tax return and why Ms. Calhoun knows and has seen those if she is not the partner. Chairman Harry Bell open the board up to any questions they have. Mr. Ernest Denson speaks first asking Police Chief Gary Goodwin how many calls they have received at this place of business, Chief Goodwin says that they have not received a tremendous amount of calls, but they have had some issues with a fight of 20-30 people, other disorderly events but the biggest issues are the parking situations with the surrounding businesses. Goodwin also brings up the night of the Mayweather event, that Ms. Jobe's son Keith Patton blocked an entrance to where a tow truck could not come in and tow out a parking lot. Many calls have been made regarding this trash and parking and has been brought up multiple times to City Manager and Police Chief Goodwin. Mike Ryman asks about the letter regarding the partnership with Ms. Calhoun relieving her from any obligations she may have from the business, that she supposedly never had a partnership with. He also follows up with another questions regarding the partnership and why she feels she is a partner but Ms. Jobe says she is not. Chairman Bell then asks how much money she invested in the company. Ms. Jobe then answers \$70,000, they had the same bank and funds would be transferred multiple times, not one lump sum at once. June 2017- August 2017 these funds were transferred, into a business account. He then asks how he pays the bills and her employees; she then states all online and through direct deposit. Mr. Bell proceeds with questions about the business and the website that shows Ms. Calhoun as a partner. Again, as previously stated Ms. Jobe says she was not a partner with Ms. Calhoun and yes in the beginning that what she wanted them to be, but that Ms. Calhoun did not want to take on any other responsibilities than collecting money. Chairman Bell continues on with that he feels Ms. Jobe was not truthful with the board when first getting her beer application. Mr. Bell then states that she was a silent partner and still not listed as an investor, which states, by Mr. Ellis, in the application anyone who has 5% or more in the company should have a background test and be listed on the application. Mr. Bell says she failed to do that. Mr. Ellis then asks if he could proceed with another question. He asks Ms. Jobe if she had filed a police report and what it was for. Ms. Jobe stated this was criminal charges against Ms. Calhoun regarding the partnership and embezzled money. Ms. Jobe said she didn't know Ms. Calhoun had access to the account and she had all access to those funds. She also states that the bank messed up with the paperwork confusing Ms. Calhoun as a partner which is why this happened in the first place, but that again, she was not a partner and should not have been able to have full access to take funds. Mr. Bell continues questions about the event at the venue about the promoter for the events and what benefits she get from allowing them to come in, liquor, beer and food sales. He asks about security staff, which she states Mayweather wanted his own security guards. As for Ponobes, they had one security which she states was at the door with the clicker. Mr. Bell then asks about her event tonight which is a Wednesday event and she states that every third Wednesday they come in and play live music. He then asks if the security guard will be working tonight or if they will have their own security, she tells the chairman that no other security will be there and the only reason she allowed Mayweather to have his own security in the first place was because of the large event, but that her security will be there working. He asked if he was licensed and through the state and had a carrying permit and she said that he was licensed and did carry. Mr. Bell goes on to ask about her one security guard to the 258 people she is allowed to have at the place of business. She mentioned back to the night of the event stating there was not just one security guard and that her event tonight was not going to have that many people so one security guard was sufficient. Mr. Bell asks who was in charge of the venue when these promoters come in, she states she thinks her. She says when she leases out her building she is responsible for everything, Chairman Bell asks who is on t he insurance and she again states just her and if they were the same company she had started the business with, she said not that it changed with COVID. Mr. Bell mentions from his standpoint, he understands that everyone has an opinion but his was he didn't think she had control of her establishment and the videos were pretty disturbing and that he is more disturbed that she filled out a false application. He felt like he bent over backwards to help her and she lied to them about the application, he mentions other violations she had and he feels it is out of control. She feels that he venue is not out of control, yes this one event was out of control but that she has followed the rules and done what she's supposed too up until this one event. She feels that she does clean up trash around the surrounding business's and does what shes supposed to, she cant help that those people don't follow the rules and do their own thing. She proceeds more explanation about Ms. Calhoun

not being a partner and didn't feel like she needed to be mentioned when she didn't want to take on those responsibilities as a partner. Ms. Jobe has felt she has done everything and is being sued by Ms. Calhoun since COVID Ms. Calhoun wanted her money back. Mr. Bell still feels like the most troubling thing is the application being false. He then opens the board up for more comments and Mr. Denson feels the same as Chairman Bell. His concerns are the same and expresses worries about things getting more out of hand. Chairman Bell asks how big the event for her Wednesday night event was going to be and she tells the board that it is not a big event, less that 100 people would show up, even before COVID it was not big, the event is supposed to start at 3:00 and she stated he knew it had to be over at 10:30. Mr. Ryman pulls the flyer up and says that it is still being advertised 7 P.M. ending at 12 A.M. Mr. Ellis said this was online yesterday knowing that she needed to close at 10:30 P.M. She stated it was the only flyer she had and if she needed to she can go in and "doctor" the file. Mr. Ellis still expresses it is still being shown as midnight. He said she can control the changes to Facebook, he understands flyers may be hard but that she needed to crop that out and have it corrected. Mr. Bell then asks for Mr. Jerry Mayes's opinion or concerns. He stated that the problems stated today and the operating in a disorderly place, failure to comply, failure to maintain n occupancy and the original issue with the documentation he can't see anything else to revoke the beer permit, there is just too much and too many violations, and that was his recommendations, Mr. Ryman agrees and stated that he had concerns with all of it as well. He feels there should be a motion to revoke the license and that he was making that motion to revoke Ponobes Party Bar and Grill's Beer License. Mr. Denson agrees with both Mr. Mayes and Mr. Ryman. He expresses his concerns with what had been discussed. Mr., Bell stated that he expressed his concerns and lying on the application did it for him, the other issues he feels could be solved but the lying he couldn't get past. He states he had a motion and Mr. Ernest Denson seconded that motion to revoke the license at Ponobes Party Bar and Grill beer license the board approved the off-premise license 4-0. Ms. Jobe then proceeds to ask what that meant for her business, that she can no longer sell beer? Mr. Bell stated that was correct followed with her asking if she could ever go back to selling beer? Mr. Bell stated that the beer license we issued her; she could not use again to sell beer. She asks if she could get another and he says not through this board, no. Questions were asked to Chief Goodwin about picking the beer license up from the place of business stating that he would pick that up from the place of business that day. Mr. Bell asks if there was anyone at the place of business, she states not but that she will be there within the next 45 minutes. Arrangements were made to pick the beer license up. Mr. Bell asks if there are any other comments from anyone on the board or from the city, staff or comments from the citizens, there was none at that time, they moved to make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Mayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Denson the board voted 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

City Clerk

Harry Bell, Chairman