

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY  
LIQUOR COMMISSION HEARING  
October 28, 2010  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A meeting of the Huntley Liquor Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, Village Board Room, 10987 Main St., Huntley, Illinois 60142.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Charles H. Sass; Commissioners: Pam Fender, Jay Kadakia, Niko Kanakaris, Paul Mercer and John Piwko.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner: Harry Leopold

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Village Manager David Johnson, Senior Assistant to the Village Manager Lisa Armour, Management Assistant Barbara Read and Village Attorney Mike Coppedge.

**HEARING:**

- A. Acceptance of the surrender of a Class "A" and Class "B" Liquor License – Twelfth Knight Catering/ 12880 Del Webb Boulevard

Chairman Sass reported that the Village has received official notification from the Sun City Community Association that Twelfth Knight Catering would no longer be operating at the Walleye Grill, which includes the Parker O'Reiley's Pub and Drendel Hall at Del Webb. Twelfth Knight Catering was approved for a Class "A" license for the Walleye Grill and a Class "B" license for Drendel Hall. Both licenses have been returned to the Clerk's office. Twelfth Knight had paid for a half year license for each license. No refund will be processed. No action is required for the acceptance of the surrendered liquor license.

- B. Approval of Ordinance (O)2010-10.53 - Amendment to the Village of Huntley Liquor Control Ordinance Section 110.24 – Limitation on Licenses, repealing one Class "A" and one Class "B" liquor license

Chairman Sass reported that in conjunction with accepting the surrendered licenses the Liquor Commission is requested to amend the Village of Huntley Liquor Code of Ordinances to reduce the number of available Class "A" and Class "B" liquor licenses appropriately. Currently, there are eight (8) Class "A" liquor license holders and one (1) Class "B" license holder as approved by the Village Board in April. The amendment is being requested to reduce the number of Class "A" licenses from eight to seven and Class "B" licenses from one to zero. The Village should not have any vacant liquor licenses available. As qualified applicants request a liquor license, licenses then can be added as needed.

Chairman Sass asked if the Liquor Commissioners had any comments or questions; there were none.

*A MOTION was made to approve Ordinance (O)2010-10.53 - Amending the Code of Ordinances for the number of Class "A" liquor licenses from eight to seven and the number of Class "B" liquor licenses from one to zero.*

**MOTION: Commissioner Fender**

**SECOND: Commissioner Piwko**

**AYES: Commissioners Fender, Kadakia, Kanakaris, Mercer and Piwko**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Commissioner Leopold**

**The motion carried: 5-0-1**

- C. Ordinance (O)2010-10.54 – An Ordinance Amendment to Huntley Code of Ordinances Business Regulations 110.23 – Establishment of a New Liquor License Classification "I" – Caterer/Retailer – Liquor Control Ordinance

Chairman Sass reported that the proposed amendment to the Liquor Control Ordinance would add a new liquor license classification to allow for catering a meal and serving alcohol at an off-premise location.

#### Staff Analysis

The "I" License Classification would be called a "Caterer/Retailer" license allowing the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the sale and delivery of food by a business engaged in the catering of food. The catering events would include private social gatherings not open to the general public at a site or sites other than the primary place of business of the caterer.

The class "I" liquor license would be issued only to a business that is a caterer-retailer and who presently holds a class "A", "B", "C", "F" or "G" liquor license issued by the Village.

The licensed premises will be considered the primary place of business of the catering business and all sales of alcoholic beverages made pursuant to the class "I" license shall be deemed to have been made at the premises licensed by the primary license issued by the Village.

The restrictions on the time of sale of the alcoholic beverages by the caterer/retailer will be in accordance with Sections 110.09 (A), (B) and (C) of the Code as well as all terms and provisions in the Huntley Liquor Control Ordinance Section 110.

Individual event applications will be required to be filed with the Village Clerk's Office a minimum of three (3) business days prior to the event and will be administratively approved by the Liquor Commission Chairman.

#### Financial Impact

The fees for a class "I" license will be \$250.00 payable annually in advance and a \$50.00 per event fee will be payable with each individual event application.

#### Legal Analysis

The Village's Legal Counsel has reviewed the Ordinance and all is in order.

Chairman Sass asked if the Liquor Commission had any comments or questions.

Commissioner Mercer asked who would hold the Class “T” License; Chairman Sass reported that an existing liquor license holder would request this additional license.

Commissioner Fender asked why an outside caterer could not hold a liquor license to serve liquor at an event in Huntley. Village Manager David Johnson reported that the intent is to bring the opportunity to have a current Huntley license holder serve liquor at an event they may be catering in the community. Village Manager Johnson also reported that the Village could not then regulate an outside caterer.

Commissioner Mercer stated that he thought the \$250 Annual Fee and \$50 Event Fee was high; Village Manager Johnson reported that compared to other communities Huntley’s liquor license fees are reasonable.

Commissioner Fender asked about a liquor store; Village Manager Johnson reported that a liquor store could not hold a Class “T” license as they do not serve/sell food as their main business. Village Attorney Michael Coppedge reported that by definition, the Class “T” liquor license holder has to sell food. Commissioner Fender stated that she believes that the ordinance does not go far enough. Village Manager Johnson reported that the ordinance protects the Village and answers the needs of the community at this time.

Chairman Sass asked if there were additional comments or questions; there were none.

***A MOTION was made to approve Ordinance (O)2010-10.54 – An Ordinance Amendment to Huntley Liquor Control Ordinance Section 110 – Establishment of a New Liquor License Classification “T” – Caterer/Retailer***

- MOTION: Commissioner Fender**
- SECOND: Commissioner Piwko**
- AYES: Commissioners Fender, Kadakia, Mercer and Piwko**
- NAYS: None**
- ABSENT: Commissioner Leopold**
- ABSTAIN: Commissioner Kanakaris**
- The motion carried: 4-0-1-1**

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business to discuss, a MOTION made to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.**

- MOTION: Commissioner Kanakaris**
- SECOND: Commissioner Fender**
- The Voice Vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Read  
Recording Secretary