

City of Erin
Beer Board
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2020

The City of Erin Board of Mayor and Alderman met on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Erin City Hall. This meeting is the Regular monthly meeting for the month of February and the Beer Board meeting of the City of Erin. Those present included: Aldermen Cecil Baggett, Lisa Bass, Lisa Moore, Jackie Smith, Jackie Parchman, Jennifer Warren, Paul Gooden and Ted Carson. Others present included: Representative Jay Reedy, Jimmy Highers – GMC, Jason Schmidt, Wes Mitchum, Chief Mark Moore, Officer Justice Perigo, Liz Buttermore – Houston County Herald, Angela Neilson – City Recorder and Mr. James Stevens – City Attorney.

Representative Jay Reedy gave the opening prayer.

Beer Board Meeting as per Charter when business is to be discussed opened by Mayor Paul Bailey.

Beer Board business consisted of two applications being received by the City Recorder:

- 1) The Houston County Fair Board for a Special Event permit, not more than 48 hours, for the location of Perdue Fair Grounds 721 West Front Street.
- 2) The Irish Fire Fighters Benevolent Association for a Special Event permit, not more than 48 hours, for the location of 85 E. Front Street (City of Erin parking lot immediately behind City Hall).
- 3) Chief Moore reported that both applicants have submitted applications within a timely manner and have paid the appropriate fees. Back ground checks were ran on each applicant. Chief Moore did not find any reason to prevent the approval of either application.
- 4) The use of City property for the sale of beer was first discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting on January 16, 2020.
- 5) The City property location was discussed with MTAS by Mayor Bailey. It was determined that the use of City property is a decision to be approved or disapproved by the Board of Mayor and Alderman.
- 6) The location of the site for the Special permit is listed on each application.
- 7) Other Discussion followed:
 - a. Adequate staff must be present to man said Beer tent
 - b. Beer sales shall not be in the Square
 - c. Beer must be served and contained to inside designated area
 - d. Open containers are not allowed outside designated area
 - e. All request of use of City of Erin property is to be approved the City of Erin Board of Mayor and Alderman
 - f. All beer sales must follow State of Tennessee Law

- g. Alderman Moore expressed that beer sales downtown will draw a larger crowd and the growth will benefit the City of Erin as well as Houston County with additional revenue.
- h. Jason Schmidt expressed his opinion that he was not aware that beer sales would be allowed Downtown and it was not fair to him. (the notice of a Beer Board meeting with the locations was published in the Leaf Chronicle on the Saturday before, signage was posted at City Hall, discussion on this matter was held at the Executive Committee Meeting on January 16th in which Mr. Schmidt failed to attend nor any other Representative of the Fair Board attended, and discussion was held at the Work Session the Thursday before). Mr. Schmidt also expressed his opinion concerning a second motor event on the East end of town at the same time as the Derby, stating “twice this was done to him”. Mr. Schmidt stated the City Board had “refused to let him come down here”. [Mayor Bailey reviewed the minutes associated with the first request of the Fair Board a Special Event Permit and only the Derby location of 721 West Front Street was mentioned.]
- i. Chief Moore addressed Mr. Schmidt by stating the second motor event did not get permission from this Board of Mayor and Alderman as required nor did they receive a permit. Police, Fire and EMS are required to have a presence at each event and the cost is to be paid by the requesting association. This is also a reminder that Mr. Schmidt needs the appropriate permit/permission for the Fair Board’s Derby Motor Event.
- j. Other discussion ensued with the question of when the Special Event Permits first began with the answer of the Beer Ordinance 604 was adopted in 2015 with the first Irish Celebration being 2016 with Mayor Bailey asking “if the Fair Board wanted the monopoly on beer sales”. Each non profit should have the same opportunity for fund raising.
- k. It is continued each year that the Chamber of Commerce has designated areas for the vendors and the Rec Club has designated areas for the carnival. The City of Erin will have to decide on a designated area and regulations for beer sales if allowed to continue in the future.
- l. The Board questioned security for downtown areas if beer permits are approved: Warren spoke on behalf of the Irish Fire Fighters Benevolent Association stating they would have off duty police officers, in uniform on staff along with volunteers; Schmidt stated the Fair Board would have enough volunteers for both the Derby event and a Downtown event; Schmidt did state that he would have to bring this second event possibility to the Fair Board for approval.
- m. Mr. Schmidt was requested, if the Fair Board agreed, to make the appropriate application with an area in mind and it will be presented to the Board of Mayor and Alderman at the March meeting.

Motion to recommend approval to the Board of Mayor and Alderman for both the Fair Board application and the Irish Fire Fighters Benevolent Association application for a Special Occasion Beer Permit for a period not more than 48 hours be

approved and the use of the City of Erin owned property location to be approved or disapproved under new business made by Moore, second by Gooden. All voiced Yes except for Alderman Warren and Alderman Smith whom did not voice an opinion. Motion carried.

Motion for Beer Board Meeting to adjourn made by Moore, second by Warren. All said Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bailey opened the Regular Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting for the month of February 2020.

Motion to approve the January 2020 minutes made by Gooden, second by Baggett. All said Yes. Motion carried.

Communications:

Waste Water Treatment Plant – All Changes to the plans and specs required by the State of Tennessee have been completed and will be resubmitted tomorrow, February 5,2020.

Old Business:

Paving Project 2020 – the Street List per the Street Committee meeting was given to the Board with estimated cost at \$332,000 with an amount for Gray Drive to be determined. This cost also includes some repair work and striping. The project can be bid as a whole with a deduction allowance for the streets that do not require attention to the entire street (Midway Drive for example). The City budgeted \$100,000 for paving this budget year, the City has an estimated \$150,000 in the Maple Street Fund which is used for street and bridge repair, and the City expects to receive an estimated \$100,000 in grant funds from Rural Development for this project.

Motion to create the scope of work and apply for the Rural Development Paving Grant from the list from the Street Committee meeting and allow for deducts made by Gooden, second by Baggett. All said Yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion to allow organizations with tax exempt status to use City property in an area defined by the Board of Mayor and Alderman for the use of a Special Occasion Beer Permit once said application is approved by the Beer Board of the City of Erin and the said organization provides an insurance certificate of liability naming the City of Erin as the additional insured made by Moore, second by Carson. All said Yes except for Alderman Warren and Alderman Smith who did not voice an opinion. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Beer Board recommendation of a Special Occasion Beer Permit for a period of not more than 48 hours be approved for the Houston County Fair Board for use at the location of the Perdue Fair Grounds located on Front Street and the Irish Fire Fighters Benevolent Association for the use on City property located behind the Erin City Hall at 85 E. Front Street made ay Gooden, second by Moore. All said Yes except for Alderman Warren and Alderman Smith who did not voice an opinion. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the Boy Scouts of Houston County to use the City owned lot at Valley Drive and Elm Street to park cars for a fee as a fund raiser during the Irish Celebration made by Moore, second by Warren. All said Yes. Motion carried.

Police Report

The police report was not available due to Chief Moore working an automobile accident on Tank Hill.

Old Business was skipped over in error

Motion to hire Donald Gordon II and Joshua MacDonald as the two new police officers with both being required to attend the Police Academy made by Warren, second by Gooden. All said Yes. Motion carried.

Fire Report

Mayor Bailey provided the Fire Report on behalf of Chief Warren. The department responded to 13 incidents for the month of January 2020. This included: 4 MVCs, 2 public assists, 4 structure fires, 1 illegal burn, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, and 1 ordinance enforcement. Firefighters completed 36 hours of training in topics ranging from forced entry to hose line operation. Sgt. Fred Butcher has been promoted to Captain. This will fill the open supervisory position we have had open for approximately six months. Cpt. Butcher has served with the Department for 7 years and has exhibited exemplary leadership skills on and off the fireground.

Mayor Bailey recognized the City has very dedicated workers.

Motion to adjourn made by Moore, second by Warren. All said Yes. Motion carried.

Approve:


Paul Bailey, Mayor

Attest:


Angela Neilson, Recorder