

City of Erin
Beer Board Meeting
Regular Board Meeting
January 5, 2021

The City of Erin Board of Mayor and Alderman met as the Beer Board for the City of Erin and in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Erin City Hall. Those present included: Aldermen Paul Gooden, Betsy Ligon, Wesley Mitchum, Jackie Parchman, Cecil Baggett, Lisa Moore and Ted Carson. Others present included: Angela Neilson – Recorder, Chief Mark Moore, Jackie Wyatt, Brother Paul Moody, Liz Buttermore – Houston County Herald, Chetankumar Patel and Attorney James Stevens. Alderman Jennifer Warren attended by conference call.

Mayor Paul Bailey was present and presiding.

Brother Paul Moody from the Arlington Cumberland Presbyterian Church gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order.

Beer Board Business:

1. Dollar General, 5897 E. Main Street, Erin, TN 37061, map 020 parcel 020 041.08 .
2. B&C Inc., DBA Hwy 13 Market (formally Wells Creek Market), 6565 Hwy 13, Erin, TN 37061, map 020 parcel 058.35
 - a. Permit applications and fees were submitted by both applicants to the City Recorder
 - b. Chief Mark Moore conducted a background check on both applicants. TBI did not show any criminal record.
 - c. Chief Moore does not have any reason to deny either permit based on the findings.
 - d. Item of concern is for the Dollar General location and the delivery trucks entering the parking lot during peak traffic hours. Delivery trucks cause major delays to other motorist and block traffic on Hwy 49 which is a State Highway and require police personnel to be on site to direct traffic during these times (most days during the 2:30 to 4:30 pm range). Attorney Stevens stated that it is not the obligation of the City of Erin Police Department to assist a private business with their deliveries, but any blockage of a State Highway does fall under the Police Department duties.
 - i. The Board of Mayor and Alderman agreed after much discussion that Dollar General needs to be notified of the issue with traffic and that they (Dollar General) should devise a plan to schedule deliveries during slower traffic times, possibly first thing in the morning. Another option would be to come to an agreement with the owner of the lot next door to share space for large delivery trucks. Chief Moore will follow up on this matter.

Motion to approve both the Dollar General and Hwy 13 Market request for an off-premise beer permit decision be recommended to the Board of Mayor and Alderman made by Carson, second by Gooden. Roll Call vote as follows: YES – Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the December 2020 minutes was made by Gooden, second by Ligon. Roll Call vote as follows: YES – Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Motion carries.

Communications from the Mayor:

- Farrah Dennis' Father has passed away. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Farrah and her family during this difficult time. Farrah has worked for the City for over ten years.

- The Health Department is administering COVID vaccines to anyone 75 and over by appointment
- Please keep in mind the CDC guidelines: wash your hands, social distance, face coverings suggested.

Committee Meetings:

- Public Hearing on Ordinance 630 was held just prior to the beginning of this meeting. No comments, questions, or concerns were voiced.

Old Business:

Motion to approve Ordinance number 630, an Ordinance to establish an updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan, Devise Rules and Regulations and to Provide for a Safety Director and the Implementation for Such a Program Plan as required to update by the State of Tennessee every (7) seven years on second and final reading made by Ligon, second by Baggett. Roll Call vote as follows: YES – Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Motion carries.

New Business:

Motion to approve the actions of the Beer Board by approving and issuing a beer permit to the Dollar General Store and to the B&C Inc., DBA Hwy 13 Market made by Gooden, second by Ligon. Roll Call vote as follows: YES – Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Motion carries.

Mayor Bailey relayed a “Thank You” to our Fire Chief Danny Warren for going above and beyond with his actions in defending Ms. Jackie Smith and her dog during her afternoon walk on Walnut Street when the neighbors Rottweiler broke through its underground electric fence and attacked. “Chief Warren did not have to do what he did and he got hurt in the process. I consider it “Hero” measures and I thank him and wanted to share this with the Board”, Ms. Smith was quoted. Police Chief Mark Moore was also thanked for following up on this situation. Mayor Bailey said it was nice to have something good recognized.

Police Report:

Chief Mark Moore provided the police report for the month of December as follows:

- Total calls answered – 202
- Total calls for 2020 year – 2756
- Citations – 69
- Arrests – 23
- Accidents – 8 (none with injuries)
- Officer Joshua MacDonald completed his Basic Training at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy.
- Each officer has completed their yearly state mandated 40-hour in-service
- Chief Moore attended the Small and Rural Law Enforcement Committee meeting in Nashville to discuss issues regarding smaller agencies. Chief Moore holds a seat on the committee that was appointed by the Chief’s Association.

Fire Report:

Chief Danny Warren provided the fire report for the month of December as follows:

- Responded to 2 structure fires
- Responded to 2 wrecks
- Responded to 1 EMS assist
- Responded to 2 gas leaks
- Responded to 1 brush fire
- Responded to 1 traffic control for municipal utilities
- Issued 2 municipal burn permits
- 1 commercial fire and life safety inspection was completed
- Firefighters trained on emergency vehicle operations course (EVOC) and the Vanessa K. Free Act

Other communications:

- Mayor Bailey and Mr. Stevens will discuss at length the Dollar General / delivery truck issue
- The Tourism grant signage that will be used to display various messages to encourage safety of our community, informative information, tourism to our area, etc. is installed. The brick layer will be here next week to complete the job. The electric should be complete this week. The City of Erin will be responsible for the electricity charge each month, which should be minimal.
- The Irish Celebration 2021 discussions will begin on Thursday at the Chamber meeting

Motion to adjourn made by Ligon, second by Parchman. All said YES.

Approved: _____

Paul Bailey, Mayor

Attest: _____

Angela Neilson
Angela Neilson, Recorder