

City of Erin  
Beer Board/Regular Board Meeting  
August 3, 2021

The City of Erin Board of Mayor and Alderman met in Beer Board Session and in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Erin City Hall. Those present included: Alderman Ted Carson, Lisa Moore, Wesley Mitchum, Cecil Baggett, Betsy Ligon, Jackie Parchman, Paul Gooden, Jennifer Warren. Others present included: Attorney James Stevens, Angela Neilson- Recorder, Chief Mark Moore, Jackie Wyatt, Ray Bradley.

Mayor Paul Bailey was present and presiding.

Ray Bradley, pastor of Crossroads Church and councilman for the City of Tennessee Ridge, gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Paul Bailey opened the meeting.

### **Beer Board Meeting:**

Turned over to Chief Mark Moore:

- Explained the Erin Police Department received complaints from a legal guardian of a 14/15-year-old, that they were purchasing beer and tobacco products. The Guardian then gave Chief Moore permission to have the child return to the store to purchase beer, vapes, and tobacco. The child was then sent to Discount Tobacco two separate times, Highway 13 Market and to another market in town where he was not allowed to make a purchase. Hwy 13 Market did question the age, but still sold.
- Mayor Bailey reiterated that purchases were made one time at Highway 13 Market and two times at Discount Tobacco. Alderman Gooden asked if the markets questioned the age and still sold?
- Chief Mark Moore explained that one trip resulted in over \$800.00 in purchases; the child was collecting money from peers, would make the purchase and then distribute the products to the peers. A purchase of vapes, beer and tobacco at \$800.00 is a substantial buy.
- Alderman Lisa Moore reiterated – more than once, they did multi trips? Hwy. 13 still sold even though questioned? Discount sold several hundred dollars worth each time and multi times. Hwy. 13 purchase would probably have been him and buddy. At Discount taking orders – affecting 20 to 30 kids – now driving at one time. They are lucky that they didn't get hurt or some family member.
- Mayor Bailey asked Chief Moore for his opinion based on what you know what would you do?

- Mark recommended the maximum amount of fine for each:
  - Hwy. 13 x 1 \$1,500.00
  - Discount x 2 \$3,000.00
- Alderman Ted Carson agreed with the maximum fine amount and including a letter stating the repercussions if caught again.
- Mayor Bailey explained that an option if caught again would be to revoke their license; There are two counts pending in General Sessions Court as a result of the two citations issued by the Erin Police Department; The State will step in if convicted of two charges, which would be considered criminal, in general sessions court; it is up to this board for civil penalty at the very minimum.
- Alderman PJ Gooden asked if they are required to check IDs on all and the answer is yes, State Law says all persons are required to show identification. If the person's ID is expired, the market would not be legally be allowed to sell to them – the same as not having an ID.
- It is up to this Board as far as what to do for a civil penalty. More discussion followed.

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**Motion** to present to the full Board of Mayor and Alderman, the recommendation to fine both businesses the maximum amount allowed by State Law and send a letter explaining if the markets are caught again not asking for ID's, then the beer license would be pulled made by Paul Gooden, second by Ted Carson. All said yes.

### **Regular Board Meeting:**

**Motion** to approve July 2021 minutes made by Lisa Moore, second by Jennifer Warren. All said yes.

### **Communications from the Mayor:**

Sewer Plant – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month

- WWTP footers poured, moving forward.
- It is nice to see the construction company is making accomplishments and moving forward.

### **Planning Commission**

Leah Pate has asked for permission to move her business into her home located at 4540 West Main Street. This item will go to Board of Zoning Appeals for a public hearing followed by the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting for approval. The Board has allowed this at other locations and this is the process to go through.

**Committee Meetings:** Personnel Committee will meet Aug. 17 again to finalize the updates to the personnel police. The policy should be on the agenda for the September meeting for approval on first reading.

### **Beer Board Meeting:**

**Motion** To approve fine both businesses, Discount Tobacco and Hwy 13 Market, the maximum amount allowed by State Law and send a letter explaining if the markets are caught again not asking for ID's, then the beer license would be pulled made by Paul Gooden, second by Ted Carson. All said yes.

### **Police Report**

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

- Total call answered- 265
- Citations- 8
- Arrests- 37
- Citations in Lieu of Arrest- 3
- Accidents- 7 (2 with injuries)

### **Fire Report**

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

- Responded to 3 wrecks
- Responded to 1 fire alarm
- Responded to 1 structure fire
- Responded to 3 landing zones
- Responded to 1 EMS assist
- Responded to 1 entrapped person rescue
- 3 applications for burn permits were received
- Training topic for the month was use of power tools for structure fire ventilation

ISO rating has been reclassified to a 5/5x. "10 years ago it was a 7/9. We have been reevaluated twice since then", stated Chief Warren.

Mayor said he appreciates everything the city departments do. "Some days are not what we want them to be but we get through it" stated Mayor Bailey.

### **Other Discussion:**

- We will have a Personnel Meeting August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.
- Meet to discuss any other suggestions including vacation time for employees, any questions or comments will be received at that time. The personnel policy will be on the agenda for first reading at the September meeting.

Library box at Betsy Ligon Park has gotten the front glass knocked out.

Signs down:

- 4-way sign by Paul's
- In front of Margaret's 3-way at the top of Spring Street

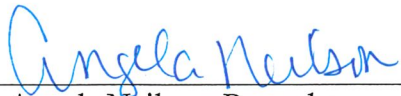
Alderman Cecil Baggett has been receiving calls on grass cutting and right of way. Mayor said "we do want our city to be beautiful but we have had a lot of leaks resulting in water loss. We have not been able to get to the mowing but we cannot allow water to be running on the ground. Alderman Wes Mitchum asked if we could spray. Alderman Jackie Parchman asked when are we hiring – "we have accepted applications, but with everything that has been going on for the last month, Phillip has not had the opportunity to do interviews until the first of next week" stated Mayor Bailey.

Trunk or Treat October 30<sup>th</sup>

- It will be free for any vendor wanting to set up. It will be located in the park and along a section of Front Street. Last year it was very well received in this location.
- Opportunity for the community to get together and have a fun time
- This is a way to promote small businesses. People are ready to be involved.

**Motion** to adjourn made by Betsy Ligon, second by Jennifer Warren. All said yes.

Approved:   
Mayor Paul Bailey

Attest:   
Angela Neilson, Recorder