

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Called Meeting Wednesday January 25, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall with Chairman Henry Cravey presiding.

COMMISSION PRESENT: Chairman Henry Cravey, Vice-Chair James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney David Walker, City Manager Jerry Murkerson, Finance Director Mitchell Woods, Pulaski County EMA/Fire Chief Leslie Sewell, Hawkinsville/Pulaski County Codes Enforcement Keith Carter, Pulaski County Sheriff Billy Cape, City Clerk Evelyn Herrington, Municipal Court Clerk Lodie Johnson, Dispatch & News Chuck Southerland, Tabitha Patrice Martin and several interested citizens.

The purpose of the meeting was an appeals hearing on the Alcohol License application for 97 Commerce Street in the name of Mary's Kitchen Arcade.

Chairman Cravey called the meeting to order to consider the alcohol license for Tabitha Patrice Martin. He stated we will conduct ourselves in an orderly fashion. Everyone will have opportunity to speak and would be called on to speak at the appropriate time and there shall be no outburst or response to another person's remarks. Chairman Cravey asked City Attorney David Walker to facilitate the meeting.

Attorney Walker stated that per section 3-10 of the City Code of Ordinances law enforcement shall make an investigation of each applicant and of the proposed premises and shall file a written recommendation for approval or denial with the clerk. It also states that "a recommendation for denial shall set forth the specific reasons thereof."

Ms. Tabatha Patrice Martin was then given opportunity to speak.

Ms. Martin addressed Codes Inspector Keith Carter. She stated Mr. Carter told her she could not have an alcoholic beverage license without the State Fire Marshall inspection. She understood the license would be denied because it the name of the business was changed to Mary's Kitchen Arcades. Carter explained the only issue he had with the building was the kitchen. She said all she was going to use were the pool tables, not serve any food or use the kitchen. She said Carter knew she had already applied for an alcoholic beverage license. Fire Chief Leslie Sewell stated that Ms. Martin was allowed the alcoholic beverage license there would have to be some rules changed as far as the building occupancy load.

Attorney Walker asked Sewell what she needed to do to have occupancy load approval. He stated the State Fire Marshall would have to inspect and give approval for the building to hold over 100 people.

Ms. Martin said she was told to bring the building up to code she would have to put in lights at the door exists and put trash cans with lids in the restrooms, but could not use anything in the kitchen.

Attorney Walker stated the Sheriff's recommendation to deny the alcoholic beverage for Ms. Martin came after a background check was done finding an issue on her record that would not allow her to have such a license.

Shelly Berryhill stated that at this point the Sheriff has suggested if Ms. Martin can resolve the issue, he may reconsider.

Attorney Walker asked Ms. Martin if she had any questions for the Sheriff, in which she stated she did not.

Henry Cravey told Ms. Martin that the city wanted her to have her business.

Keith Carter stated he was being targeted, but had nothing to do with the alcoholic beverage license, only inspection of the building and interior to make sure it was up to code.

DENIED ALCOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE: Phil NeSmith motioned to deny the license based on the Sheriff’s recommendation. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed.

There being no further business.

ADJOURN: Henery Cravey motioned to adjourn. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

Copy of minutes filed with denied application and all correspondence with Ms. Tabatha Patrice Martin, filed in occupation/alcohol license, front office city hall.

Chairman, Board of Commission
Hawkinsville, Georgia

ATTEST:

City Clerk