

CITY OF BEREA, OHIO

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE COUNCIL MAY 18, 2015 - 7:25p.m.

In response to a legal notice published in The News Sun on May 14, 2015, a public hearing was held in the Council Chamber at Berea City Hall on May 18, 2015. The public hearing was called to order at 7:25p.m. by President of Council Mary K. Brown, with the following members of Council present: Cheryl A. Banaszak, Nick Haschka, Margarette S. Key, Dale A. Lange, Richard T. Malott, Jim Maxwell and Gene Zacharyasz. Absent: None. Also present: Mayor Cyril M. Kleem, Director of Recreation Marty Compton, Director of Public Safety and Service Barb Jones, Director of Finance Dana Kavander and Director of Law James N. Walters III.

The Clerk's certificate of compliance with C.O. Section 109 and with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code was filed with Council records in the Clerk's office.

Mrs. Brown stated that the purpose of the hearing was to discuss comments and/or objections to the transfer of D1, D2, D3, D3A and D6 liquor licenses at 375 W. Bagley Road, located in Berea, Ohio. She noted that the Berea Police Department has been made aware of this request, and identified no reason to deny the permit transfer.

The business owner, Demra Carney, was present this evening. Mr. Haschka asked her to clarify the name change, as another business in the City recently changed their name to Grindstone as well. Ms. Carney explained that her business's legal name is The Grindstone in Berea LLC and The Grindstone Tap House. She noted that she does own the LLC. She continued by explaining that once word got out that the business was being sold, a few staff members decided to depart from the bar, and one went to work for Scoundrels. Currently, a legal battle for the business name is underway, but Ms. Carney emphasized that she does own the LLC, and the legal issue has no bearing on the status of the liquor permit transfer. Mr. Walters concurred.

Mr. Walters did make it known that he represented the owner of The Upper Deck throughout the sale of the business.

Mr. Zacharyasz noted that Scoundrels has not yet come before Council for a liquor permit transfer, and Mr. Walters added that they have not come to the City for a sign change either.

Mr. Zacharyasz also referenced the bar on Park Street that recently came before Council, and Ms. Carney stated that she has spoken to that business owner and he plans to do business as The Berea Café.

There being no further comments, Mrs. Brown wished Ms. Carney good luck and then declared the hearing closed at 7:32p.m.

Alycia Esson
Clerk of Council

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The public hearing held before Council of the City of Berea, Ohio, on the 18th day of May, 2015, was conducted in compliance with Codified Ordinances Section 109 and Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Alycia Esson
Clerk of Council