

City of Blue Ridge

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Alcohol Committee Meeting Minutes
City Hall
480 West First Street
April 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Council Members Robbie Cornelius and Harold Herndon
City Clerk Kelsey Ledford
City Residents David Gray and Larry Versyn
Business Owners Ken Brenneman and Stuart Arp

The meeting started at 5:30 p.m. and lasted until approx. 7:00 p.m. Representatives from the local media were present (Lauren with the News Observer and Jason with FetchYourNews). There was one public representative who attended.

The committee discussed the proposed January 2018 amendment along with the entire Alcohol Ordinance and its amendments.

Specific Topics Discussed:

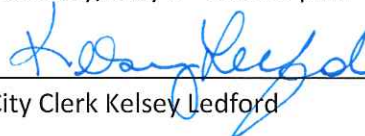
- 1) Enforcement of the current ordinance and its amendments could use improvement
- 2) Including the Mayor as a person unable to hold interest in an establishment holding any type of alcohol permit just as the ordinance states about employees and Council Members
- 3) Re-evaluation of consequences to employees and businesses for not complying with the ordinance and its amendments (ex. 1,2,3 offences)
- 4) Breweries may need the alcohol to food ratio imposed just as the restaurants
- 5) Possibly changing the alcohol to food ratio from 50/50 to 40/60
- 6) Delaying until 12:00 p.m. to begin serving
- 7) Possibly extending the time permitted to serve and stay open on weekends only (Friday-Saturday; serve till 12:30 a.m. and close at 1:00 a.m.)

The Committee Members have agreed to review the ordinance over the next few weeks and submit proposed amendments to City Clerk Kelsey Ledford. She will compile all proposals and the draft will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Upon approval of the committee, she will then forward to the attorney for review prior to final submittal to the Mayor and Council.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

May 2, 2018

Approved



City Clerk Kelsey Ledford