

Special Council Meeting
of the City of Greenville
held in the Council Chambers
on Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Call to Order: A special meeting of the Greenville City Council was called to order on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Alan Gaffner.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Alan Gaffner, Councilman Jes Adam, Councilman John Gillard, Councilman Mike Heath, and Councilman Roger Sanders.

Also Present: City Manager Dave Willey and City Clerk Sue Ann Nelson.

Pledge: The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag was recited.

Notice of Meeting: Notice of the special meeting having been given as provided by law, said meeting was called for consideration of the following agenda:

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Public Comment
- 4) Ordinance to Add Class K ó Package/Pour Retail Liquor License
- 5) Ordinance to Add one Class K Liquor License
- 6) Request to Change Liquor License from Class C to Class K for Tobacco Unlimited
- 7) Appointments to Boards and Commissions
- 8) Executive Session: Purchase of Real Estate, Section 2(c)(5); Sale of Real Estate, Section 2(c)(6); Personnel, Section 2(c)(1); and Litigation, Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act

Public Comment: With no comments being expressed, public input was closed.

Ordinance 3121 – Add Class K – Package/Pour Retail Liquor License Classification: Following discussion at the regular January council meeting, City Manager presented a new liquor license classification for council consideration. Proposed class K, Package/Pour license will authorize the retail sale of all varieties of alcoholic liquor for consumption off premises, and the sale of beer and wine for consumption on premise with a two drink limit within a six hour period, provided the primary business is package liquor and/or tobacco and no gasoline can be sold

on the premises. The fee for a class K package/pour license will be \$1,000 annually. Hours of operation are consistent with existing retail liquor license classifications.

City Manager Willey provided background information regarding video gaming and liquor licenses for those in attendance. Mayor Gaffner opened the meeting up to public comment (attached). After public comment and council discussion, motion made by Sanders, seconded by Heath, to approve ordinance to add class K package/pour license as presented (see ordinance on file for full text).

Ayes: Sanders, Heath, Gillard, Gaffner

Nays: None

Absent: Adam

Motion carried.

**Councilman Adam
Departure:**

At 7:32 p.m., Councilman Adam excused himself from the council meeting due to a work commitment.

**Ordinance 3122 – Add
One Class K Retail
Liquor License:**

Following the adoption of an ordinance to establish a class K, package/pour liquor license classification, the number of available class K licenses must be established. There exists a current request for a class K license. This request cannot be granted without an available license. Motion made by Gillard, seconded by Gaffner, to approve Ordinance 3122 to increase the number of class K, package/pour retail liquor licenses from zero to one (see ordinance on file for full text).

Ayes: Gillard, Gaffner, Heath, Sanders

Nays: None

Absent: Adam

Motion carried.

**Tobacco Unlimited
Request to Change
from Class C to Class
K Retail Liquor
License:**

Currently Tobacco Unlimited as a class C liquor license. With the addition of the package/pour license, request has been received from Tobacco Unlimited to change from a class C to a class K license, which would allow Tobacco Unlimited to pursue video gaming. Tobacco Unlimited meets the requirements of a class K license with its primary business being package liquor and tobacco. The license will run until its current term, August 31, 2017 with the additional fee being prorated. Motion made by Heath, seconded by Sanders, to approve request from Tobacco Unlimited to change from a class C retail liquor license to a class K package pour liquor license.

Ayes: Heath, Sanders, Gillard, Gaffner

Nays: None

Absent: Adam

Motion carried.

**Appointment to Boards
and Commissions:** None.

**Recess to Executive
Session and
Adjournment:**

At 7:50 p.m., moved by Gillard, seconded by Sanders, to recess to executive session for Purchase of Real Estate, Section 2 (c) (5); Sale of Real Estate, Section 2 (c) (6); Pending Litigation, Section 2 (c) (11); Personnel, Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. at the close of the executive session.

Ayes: Gillard, Sanders, Heath, Gaffner

Nays: None

Absent: Adam

Motion carried.

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Public Comments Regarding Adding Package/Pour License and Video Gaming

- Tonya Hilpert: Opposed to video gaming. Expressed concern about the combination of gambling and liquor sales, and that money spent on gambling is money that is not spent at local business.
- Steve Shank: Questioned what direction is Greenville going in by adding additional liquor license and video gaming?
- Stacy Moss: Expressed opposition to video gaming, stating it is not beneficial to the community.
- Fred Hilpert: Opposed to gaming. His sentiment was that there is a moral obligation of city leaders to the community.
- Cheralee Vohlken: Spoke in favor of video gaming, stating that she does not find video gaming offensive and that if people want to gamble they will simply go to neighboring communities to do so.
- Adam Wells: Spoke in favor of adding package/pour license and even gaming café license, stating the city should do whatever it can to promote new business.
- John Junod: Encouraged the council to allow video gaming. Stated he feels that Greenville has tried to control progress too much, causing the town to become stagnate.
- Robert Rodgers: Expressed concern that the package/pour license would allow gaming cafes, urged controls be put in place.
- Willard Frost: Spoke in opposition to alcohol and video gaming, stating he choose to move to Greenville because of the moral integrity of the community. He is opposed to having alcohol and video gaming, and expressed concern as to where this would lead Greenville to next.
- Kyle Littlefied: Reminded those in attendance that there are no available liquor licenses and it still takes action by the council to add a license and approve a liquor license request.