

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

April 21, 2016

MEMBERS

Chairman Jones
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Vota
Alderman Budd
Mayor Brotherton

ALSO PRESENT

George Calvert	Owen Lasswell
Alderman Walters	Jack Mazzotti
Alderman Moore	Cindy Dey

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

FY 2016/2017 HBO Budget

HBO Officer, George Calvert presented the FY2016/2017 HBO Budget stating it is the same as last year's except for the Equipment Line Item has been reduced as last year's budget included the purchase of a pickup truck.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to forward the proposed FY2016/2017 HBO Budget to the Finance Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

HBO Updates

HBO Officer George Calvert presented pictures and updated the Committee of property violations and cleanups.

Amend Language in the Sewer Section of City Code

The Committee discussed and reviewed the draft Ordinance pertaining to the liability of property owners for building sewer repairs as prepared by the City Attorney.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to approve the draft Ordinance pertaining to the liability of property owners for building sewer repairs as prepared by the City Attorney. Motion carried 4-0.

Video Gaming Device Rules and Regulations

Mayor Brotherton advised the Committee that he thought it might be wise to take yet another look at the current Liquor License Ordinance. The Mayor reminded the Committee that the City's primary goal regarding the video gaming issue was to ensure that the video gaming was not the primary source of revenue for any liquor license operating inside the City limits. He stated that enforcement of the current ordinance will do that but that it may have unintended consequences. He used the situation involving a local drug store as an example. Rene's Drug Store has served food onsite for over 75 years via the restaurant portion of the store's business. The revenue from the sale of prepared food exceeds the gaming revenue. The problem is that the restaurant is not the primary business of the store and for that reason the store cannot be classified as a restaurant under the current ordinance. Unless the ordinance language is changed Rene's cannot be issued a liquor license under the restaurant classification.

Mr. Jack Mazzotti, owner of Rene's Drug Store addressed the Committee stating that he felt that consideration should be given to the fact that a functioning restaurant with the required staffing and that has always met the regulations required for restaurants by the Christian County Public Health Department has been in operation at his site for over 75 years.

The Committee agreed and directed the Mayor to work with the City Attorney to revise the current ordinance in a way that would allow a drug store to be eligible for a liquor license that would allow video gaming to continue on site.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to amend the current Liquor License Ordinance that would allow a drug store with a restaurant to be eligible for a liquor license with video gaming. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Bruce Jones, Chairman
Ordinance Committee