

City of Watseka  
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**LIQUOR COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MARCH 9, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Allhands, Aldermen Marcier, Cahoe, Garfield and Alderwoman Ulfers

Mayor Allhands opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. There was no public comment. Mayor Allhands stated Class A1 and Class C need to be increased. Class A 1 is for a license that authorizes the retail sale of beer and wine only for consumption on-premises and the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in packaged quantities for consumption off premises. Class C is for a license to sell all kinds of alcoholic liquors for consumption on the premises where sold and in package quantities. A Class C license shall entitle the licensee to sell the alcoholic liquors in this paragraph specified with a bar but without any live entertainment. Currently Class A 1 has a limit of 4 and Class C has a limit of 10. After some discussion the committee is in agreement to increase Class A1 to 7 and Class C to 12. The City attorney will be notified for an amended ordinance. All committee members were in agreement to increase the number of licenses for Class A1 and Class C.

Mayor Allhands stated during COVID a small bar association was created for the bar owners along with Mayor Allhands and Chief Douglas. During one of those meetings it was asked about reducing the license fees or doing away with them this year because of COVID. After some discussion it was decided to leave as is with no decrease.

Alderman Garfield asked about the background checks that are required and Mayor Allhands stated the businesses pay for those themselves by hiring a private firm.

Mayor Allhands stated the past year has been very quiet when it comes to calls for service.

**Alderman Garfield makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the liquor license renewals for the 2021-2022 year and Watseka Shell when the application is returned. Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 5-0.**

**Alderman Garfield makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the Video Gaming License renewals for the 2021-2022 year and Watseka Shell when the application is returned. Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 5-0.**

**Alderman Garfield makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the cigarette license renewals for the 2021-2022 year and Watseka Shell when the application is returned. Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 5-0.**

**Alderwoman Ulfers makes a motion to adjourn at 6:42 pm and Alderman Garfield seconded. Roll call carried 5-0.**

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John Allhands, Mayor