

City of Watseka
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LIQUOR COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 7TH, 2022
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Aldermen Cahoe, Marcier, Garfield and Mayor Allhands

Mayor Allhands opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. There was no public comment. Mayor Allhands stated he had a business owner contact him regarding serving alcohol at beauty salons 1 cup at a time. Mayor stated there are a few other communities that do this and he is asking what the committee thinks. Alderman Garfield stated the beauty salons would need to get dram shop, a state liquor license and basset training. He also stated he feels this is going to be hard to control. Alderman Cahoe also stated he is not in favor of this at this time. Mayor will get back to the salon owner and let her know that as of now the city is not in favor of doing this.

Mayor Allhands stated the city has received a liquor application from the Family Inn. They would like to add alcohol/gaming for their patrons. Chief Douglas was in attendance and he stated he feels this is not a good idea as if people are living at the hotel/motel they are low income and this is just providing another vice for them to keep them where they are. If the residents want to drink and play the machines there are plenty of them in the area to go to. The committee agrees that giving alcohol/gaming licenses for hotel/motel is not a good idea at this time. They believe there are enough of those businesses in the city already. Mayor Allhands will get a letter to the owner to inform him at this time his request is being denied.

Mayor Allhands stated Vegas Gaming will be opening soon, this is located in the old Slicks building on West Lafayette St.

It was also reported Silo Pub has opened up for private events for now.

A question was asked if the police department is doing walk through in the bars at night and it was stated yes they are.

Alderman Garfield makes a motion to adjourn at 6:07 pm and Alderman Marcier seconded. Roll call carried 4-0.

John Allhands, Mayor