



City of Franklin

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Meeting Minutes

Beer Board

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

4:00 PM

Williamson County
Auditorium

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jason Potts called the meeting to order at 04:00 PM

Board Members Present: Clyde Barnhill, Alderman Potts, Greg Caesar

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present: Jessica Davey, Blake Harper, Sarah Schilling

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

1. **Consideration Of Changes In Agenda And Setting The Agenda**
 - i. **Discussion Of Removal Of Items From Consent/Changes Not Requiring A Vote**
 - ii. **Proposed Changes To The Agenda**
 - iii. **Approval Of Agenda As Submitted Or Changed**

Sponsors:

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the Agenda as Submitted. The motion passed 3-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Open for citizens to be heard on any issue or concern, including those related to items on the agenda. Please submit a Speaker Card at the beginning of the meeting if you would like to address the Board/Commission. If you would like to speak on an agenda item, the Chair will hold your comment until the public comment period associated with the item. As provided by law, Boards/Commissions shall make no decisions or consideration of action of citizen comments for items not on the agenda, except to refer the matter to the City Administrator/Staff for administrative consideration, or to a schedule the matter for consideration at a later date. Those addressing the Board/Commission are requested to come to the microphone and identify themselves by name and address for the official record. The Chair may restrict the period for public comment, including the length of the public comment period, the number of individuals who can speak and the length of time each individual may speak. When time allows, the standard individual public comment time is two minutes.)

Comments on agenda items may be made in person or by emailing recorder@franklintn.gov before noon on the day of the meeting. Comments will be submitted for the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. **Consideration Of Approval Of Minutes**
July 8, 2025 Beer Board

Sponsors:

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the July 8, 2025 Beer Board Meeting Minutes. The motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Consideration Of Application Of Waves, Inc., D/B/A Waves Brews And Grooves Fundraising Event, Highwoods Park Place, 711 Cool Springs Boulevard, Franklin, TN 37067, Evangelina Montelongo, Managing Agent, For Special Event, Event Date And Hours: September 18, 2025 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Sponsors:

Evangelina Montelongo, Development and Communications Manager for Waves Inc., was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. She explained that Brews and Grooves is the annual fundraiser for Waves, Inc. There will be music, food, drinks, and an auction.

Alderman Barnhill asked how many years the organization has held this event?

Answer: Five years.

Chair Potts asked if all bartenders and servers are licensed with the TABC?

Answer: Yes.

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.

4. **Consideration Of Application Of Downtown Franklin Rotary Club, D/B/A Hog Ball, Eastern Flank Battlefield Park, 1368 Eastern Flank Circle, Franklin, TN 37064, Ciro (C.J.) Monte, Managing Agent, For Special Event, Event Date And Hours: October 4, 2025 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

Sponsors:

C.J. Monte, Rotary Club member, was present on behalf of the Downtown Franklin Rotary Club to answer any questions from the Board. Adam Caldwell, Hog Ball representative, was also present. They explained that this is the fourth annual Hog Ball which is a fundraiser for a variety of local charities. Mr. Caldwell told the story of how the Hog Ball came to be at Vice Chair Caesar's request.

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.

5. **Consideration Of Application Of Rotary - Franklin At Breakfast Club, D/B/A Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Westhaven Golf Club, 4000 Golf Club Lane, Franklin, TN 37064, Cliff Wilson, Managing Agent, For Special Event, Event Date And Hours: October 13, 2025 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

Sponsors:

Cliff Wilson, President of the Franklin Breakfast Rotary Club, was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. He explained that this is the club's primary fundraiser. It will be held at Westhaven Golf Club. He noted that there will be underage active duty military personnel present, but they will be sure to check identification when serving alcoholic beverages.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Greg Caesar, seconded by Alderman Clyde Barnhill to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.

6. **Consideration Of Application Of CDO McEwen, LLC, D/B/A Culinary Dropout, 4020 Aspen Grove Drive, Suite 101, Franklin, TN 37067, Dylan Hall, Managing Agent, For On Premises Consumption**

Sponsors:

Emily Coble, General Manager of Culinary Dropout, was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. Ms. Davey explained that this is a new business in Franklin. Staff is still waiting for the certificate of occupancy, but all other inspections are in, and the application is complete. Ms. Coble stated that this is the seventh restaurant to open under the CDO McEwen, LLC brand umbrella in the Nashville area. All staff are required to have their TABC certification within two weeks of employment, and they are trained in best practices by the Directors of Beverage on staff.

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the Beer Permit Contingent Upon Receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy. The motion passed 3-0.

8. Consideration Of Application Of L.L. Kennedy And Sons Distilling, LLC, D/B/A Leiper's Fork House Of Spirits, 334 Main Street Suite 104, Franklin, TN 37064, Lynlee Kennedy, Managing Agent, For On Premises Consumption

Sponsors:

Lynlee Kennedy, co-owner of Leiper's Fork House of Spirits, and Rob Pinson, legal representation, were in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. Ms. Davey explained that this application is for a new business in the City of Franklin. Ms. Kennedy shared that the distillery's location on Main Street will also sell draft and bottled beer, in addition to their spirits. Mr. Pinson explained that this is a distillery, rather than a restaurant, so there is no legal obligation that every server has a TABC server permit card. However, there will be mandatory training for the sale and distribution of alcohol.

Vice Chair Caesar asked how the distillery differs from a restaurant?

Answer: Mr. Pinson explained that there is currently no ABC server permit equivalent for distilleries. There is a supplier representative permit, but that applies more to wholesale use. While there is no permit requirement, the same prohibitions, regarding selling to someone underage or to someone visibly intoxicated, still exist.

Vice Chair Caesar followed-up by asking Ms. Kennedy what will the training involve if there is no state-mandated training?

Answer: They will learn to check IDs, expiration dates, and alcohol sale best practices.

Chair Potts asked Ms. Davey if there are other distilleries in the city that also serve beer?

Answer: Yes, Stable Reserve is a distillery with an active beer permit.

Vice Chair Caesar asked if food will be served on premises as well?

Answer: Yes. The menu has 10 to 12 items and is served all-day as an added layer to the distillery tour experience. The kitchen closes at 10PM.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Greg Caesar, seconded by Alderman Clyde Barnhill to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.

9. Consideration Of Application Of Los Compadres Carniceria, Inc., D/B/A Los Compadres Carniceria, 1328 West Main Street, Franklin, TN 37064, Agustin Romero Garcia, Managing Agent, For On And Off Premises Consumption

Sponsors:

Agustin Romero Garcia, Managing Agent, was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. Ms. Davey explained that this is an existing business in Franklin. They recently had a fire at their establishment, so they surrendered their beer permit during the rebuilding process. However, they are ready to reopen. She noted that this permit has an on and off premises consumption component. There is the restaurant and an adjoining small retail grocery store as well.

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.

7. Consideration Of Application Of SSSB, LLC, D/B/A Amruth, 330 Mayfield Drive Suite C8, Franklin, TN 37067, Venu Alokam, Managing Agent, For On Premises Consumption

Sponsors:

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to move item 7 to the end of New Business. The motion passed 3-0.

Venu Alokam, Managing Agent, was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. Ms. ADavey explained that this is a new business in the City of Franklin, but they have another business in the city that holds a beer permit and are, hence, familiar with the rules regarding service of beer in the city.

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the Beer Permit Contingent upon Receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy. The motion passed 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Vice Chair Greg Caesar, seconded by Alderman Clyde Barnhill to Adjourn the Meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned @ 04:28 PM



Jason Potts, Chair

Minutes Prepared by Sarah Schilling, Assistant Deputy City Recorder, City Recorder's Office - 8/12/2025, 5:05PM