## Town of White Pine Beer Board Meeting August 5, 2025

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Drinnon was present also.

Mayor Warren opened the meeting with stating what had happened when the police sent an underage person in all the businesses with a beer license. Two stores did not pass, being Easy In Market and Woody's Market. Both clerks sold the underage girl a vape product and alcohol.

Mayor Warren asked the owner of Easy In to approach the board and state their policy they have for selling alcohol and vapes. The representative said they have a policy to card under the age of 50. She added the clerk has attended training that was required by the judge too. Mrs. Walker added that her biggest concern is they are located right across from the school. The representative also stated that now the register is set up when alcohol is scanned that the clerk must put in the birthday. This is the first offense of the market too. Attorney Drinnon said the beer board has three different options according to the ordinance. Revoke permit, suspend permit or charge a civil penalty fee up to \$2500. Mr. Marshall made a motion to assess the market \$2500 civil penalty fine. There being no second to the motion, the motion failed. On a motion from Mr. Sinard, second from Mrs. Walker, it was voted to suspend the beer license for three months. Starting on the opening of business on August 6<sup>th</sup> and going through November 6, 2025. All were in favor except Mr. Marshall, and the motion carried. The representative asked if she could get a letter from the town stating the decision.

The next store found in violation was Woody's Market. The mayor asked the owner what their policy was for selling alcohol and vapes. The owner said they check the face and the ID. The owner said the clerk put the wrong year in. The clerk is going to training as well. Mr. Marshall asked the owner if it was a real ID or a fake one and he said it was the real ID. All employees are told to ask for ID if the customer is under 50. The owner said this is his first violation. On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mr. Sinard, it was voted to suspend the beer license of Woody's Market for three months, starting on August 6 through November 6, 2025. The motion passed with all members voting for and Mr. Marshall voting no.

Mr. Woods asked if this happens again is there anything that is required. Attorney Drinnon said that it is open to the three different penalties.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Walker, the meeting was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Glen E Warren

Glen E. Warren, Mayor

Alvson P. Susong, Recorder

## Town of White Pine Special Called Meeting August 26, 2025 – 6:30 pm

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Churchwell was present also.

Under communication from citizens, Mr. Patel's attorney asked if they could add a current lease to their application for a liquor license. On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously approved to accept the new lease to Mr. Patel's application. The other applicant, Ernie's Liquor Store, asked if they needed to add anything to their application, and they had no items to add.

Attorney Drinnon added that Chief Cotter had questions for the applicants. At this time, Chief Cotter asked if any of the applicants had been convicted of any crimes since their first applications, and they both attested that they had not.

Mayor Warren asked the board if there was any discussion at this time. Mr. Sinard made a motion to award a certificate of compliance to Ernie's liquor store at 1708 State Street. A second was made by Mr. Woods, and was unanimously voted to approve.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Sinard, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

Glen E. Warren, Mayor

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## Special Called Beer Board Meeting August 26, 2025 - 6:45 pm

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Drinnon was present as well.

Under communications from citizens, an unknown female asked to speak to the board. She identified herself as the clerk from Woody's Market that sold the alcohol to the minor. She explained that she put in four digits for the birth year and it caused an error on the register. She asked the board to consider it being her fault and not the owner of the market. Mayor Warren told the board they had received letters from both stores asking for reconsideration of the penalty of loosing their license for three months. Mayor Warren asked the owner of the Woody's market and Easy In market to approach the board and express their thoughts. Both owners gave the board copies of all the clerks training certificates. Owner of Easy in expressed the three months judgement seemed harsh to a local business and that fines might be fairer. Attorney Drinnon spoke up and informed the owners that the board had three choices, being revoked, suspended or fined. Several council members injected that there are consequences for breaking the law, and that they could have revoked the license for good. Both owners expressed it has hurt their business. Chief Cotter told the board he had talked to other towns and it seems most boards normally fine for the first time offense.

On a motion from Mrs. Arwood, second from Mr. Marshall, it was voted to give the Easy In Market their license back on September 6<sup>th</sup>. All were in favor except Mr. Sinard and the motion carried.

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mr. Marshall, it was voted to give the Woody's Market their license back on September 6<sup>th</sup>. All were in favor except Mr. Sinard and the motion carried.

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7 pm.

Glen E. Warren, Mayor

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