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Chiefland alcohol sales on Sunday is anticlimactic; *Sunday sales are 7 a.m. or 1 p.m., depending on where consumed*

Story and Photos

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CHIEFLAND -- There was no surprise Monday night (Nov. 26) when the Chiefland City Commission voted 3-2 to approve the second reading of an amendment to the municipal ordinances, which now allows for the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays.

Before this amendment, alcoholic beverages were prohibited from being sold within the Chiefland city limits on Sundays.

A motion to approve the second reading was made by City Commissioner Tim West and seconded by Vice Mayor Chris Jones. Mayor Betty Walker also voted in favor of it.

Rollin Hudson and Donald Lawrence, the other two city commissioners, voted against the motion.

The new law is effective immediately.

The first Sunday where it becomes effective is, as predicted, Dec. 2.

Hudson, who was absent during the Nov. 11 meeting when the ordinance amendment was revised a bit and read and approved 3-1, apologized for missing that meeting.

He said that it was on Veterans Day. So, he presumed there was no meeting. He showed up the next evening, to be the only person for the meeting a day later than when it actually happened.

The Sunday sales shows, Joe and Josephine Alcohol-Purchasers can buy alcohol as early as 7 a.m. on Sunday for off-premises consumption.

Therefore, he or she can buy their beer at Chiefland Citgo, for example at 7 a.m. on Sunday, and take it somewhere else to drink it. Those consumers, however, on Sundays cannot buy alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at places like Chiefland Billiards and start drinking until after 1 p.m.

All other days, there is no distinction between drinking alcoholic beverages where it is bought or drinking it somewhere else.

As of the amended ordinance, alcoholic beverage sales are available in Chiefland now at the following days and times during the week:

Sunday

Off-Premises Consumption

7 a.m. to midnight

On-Premises Consumption

1 p.m.- midnight

Monday

7 a.m. to midnight

Tuesday

7 a.m. to midnight

Wednesday

7 a.m. to midnight

Thursday

7 a.m. to midnight (and then from 12:01 a.m. on the subsequent Friday until 2 a.m. that Friday morning)

Friday

7 a.m. to midnight (and then from 12:01 a.m. on the subsequent Saturday until 2 a.m. that Saturday morning)

Saturday

7 a.m. to midnight (and then from 12:01 a.m. on the subsequent Sunday until 2 a.m. that Sunday morning)