

**PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, August 8, 2011 – 6:37 P.M.**  
**Water Department – 300 Bliss Avenue**

**Present:** Alderpersons: R. Stroik, Wiza, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik.

**Also**

**Present:** Mayor Halverson; City Clerk Moe; C/T Schlice; City Attorney Molepske; Alderpersons Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Molski, Brooks, and Moore; Directors Lemke, Ostrowski, and Halverson; Asst. Chief Kudronowicz; Assessor Siebers; Kari Yenter; Tricia Church; Matthew Brown - Gazette; Brian Kowalski - Journal; Reid Rocheleau; Barb Jacob; Denise Heimstead; Betty Kinney; Dylan McHugh; Armin Nebel

**1. Discussion and Possible Action on the Recommendations on the License Lists:**

- A) New and Renewal Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.**
- B) Manager's License- Molnar, Cheyenne B., 601 Fourth Ave. Apt B.**
- C) Special Class "B" Retailer's Licenses - Portage County Democratic Party, PO Box 515, for the Annual Democratic Party Picnic at the Pfiffner Building on August 28, 2011.**
- D) "Class A" Liquor And Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License - New Midwest Rentals, LLC, in business as Stevens Point BP #302, 2733 Stanley St; Julia Santroch, Agent. License period beginning August 16, 2011.**
- E) Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License - Cooper Oil Company, in business as Northside BP, 412 Division Street; Joseph Mancheski, Agent. License period beginning August 16, 2011.**
- F) Change of Agent:**
  - i) AWRRF, Inc., 484 Division St; Daniel A. Busa, 335 Ann Drive; Agent at J. R. Liquor, 484 Division St; Replacing Matthew A. Lazarski.**
  - ii) WHG Real Estate North LLC, 10930 W. Potter Rd, Wauwatosa, WI 53226; Randy Fuerst, 2002 Frontenac Avenue; Agent at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 5609 Hwy 10 East; Replacing Michael D. Bablitch.**
  - iii) Ultra Mart Foods, LLC, P O Box 473 MS2650, Milwaukee, WI 53201; Scott Gordon, 1231 W. State St, Marshfield, WI 54449; Agent at Copps Food Center #8116, 5657 Highway 10 East; Replacing Brian E. Bender.**

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, approval of 46 new operators and 33 renewal operators, one Manager's License, Special Class "B" Retailer's Licenses - Portage County Democratic Party, "Class A" Liquor and Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for New Midwest Rentals, LLC, in business as Stevens Point BP #302, 2733 Stanley St; Julia Santroch, Agent for license period beginning August 16, 2011, Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for Cooper Oil Company, as Northside BP, 412 Division Street; Joseph Mancheski, Agent for license period beginning August 16, 2011, Change of Agent for AWRRF, Inc., 484 Division St; Daniel A. Busa, Agent at J. R. Liquor, replacing Matthew A. Lazarski, WHG Real Estate North LLC, Wauwatosa; Randy Fuerst, Agent at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, replacing Michael D. Bablitch, and Ultra Mart Foods, LLC,

Milwaukee; Scott Gordon, Agent at Copps Food Center #8116, 5657 Highway 10 East, replacing Brian E. Bender.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

**G) Recommended Rejection – Samantha R. Stroschein, 1116 North Point Dr. Apt. C.**

Samantha Stroschein, 1116 North Point Drive Apt. C10, stated she has two OWIs on her record. She said she was shocked to have two violations but she has now learned from her mistakes. Ms. Stroschein said she is working to earn extra money to help pay for her fines.

Ald. Wiza questioned how Ms. Stroschein could be shocked about her violations.

Ms. Stroschein said she did not think they would happen.

Asst. Chief Kudronowicz said the guidelines state that an applicant cannot have an OWI within one year. He said Ms. Stroschein received an OWI citation in November, 2010.

Ald. R. Stroik read guideline #6 from the operator license application.

Ald. Trzebiatowski **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to maintain the rejection.

Ald. Wiza commended Ms. Stroschein for representing herself. He asked that the City Clerk notify her about the Council meeting next week.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

**H) Temporary Extension of Licensed Premise - big hunchie's roadhouse, LLC, 2408 Division Street for big hunchie's roadhouse, Barbara Jacob, Agent; Request for extension of premise to include an area outside the building on October 22, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

**2. Consideration of Request to Hold Event / Street Closings - big hunchie's roadhouse, LLC, 2408 Division Street for big hunchie's roadhouse, Barbara Jacob, Agent, for an event to raise funds for playground equipment for Veterans Memorial Park on October 22, 2011. Request to close portion of Depot St.**

Ald. Wiza asked if they could have clarification on the Conditional Use.

Ald. R. Stroik noted that this is a matter outside of the Public Protection Committee. The issue of a Conditional Use is for the Plan Commission. If approved at the committee meeting it would have to go to the Plan Commission next month.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, said she is the owner of big hunchie's roadhouse for the past 10 years. She said she is making this request to help raise funds for more playground equipment at Veterans Memorial Park as a lot of people use the park.

She has discussed raising funds with the Mayor and the City contributing the remainder. Ms. Jacob said the main event will be held at her premise. She said it will be a safe event for the entire community. She stated that she spoke with Canadian National Railroad and Skipps Bowling and they do not have a problem with her request. She also noted that her insurance will cover the extended premise for this event.

Asst. Chief Kudronowicz said the Police Department does not have any issues with this request.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, Whiting, supports the event.

Betty Kinney, 601 Second Street N., asked if there will be a rain date.

Ms. Jacob replied there will be three large tents. She said there will be separate tents for the children, band and beer sales.

Ald. R. Stroik read a statement of concern from the Canadian National Railroad Manager of Public Works.

Ms. Jacob responded that she talked directly to the Superintendent and he will notify their employees.

Ald. R. Stroik suggested the motion include clear approval from Canadian National.

Ms. Jacob also noted there will be double fencing around the area.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked if the area by Canadian National will be fenced.

Ms. Jacob replied yes.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the temporary extension for the licensed premise as well as approval to hold an event on October 22, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Clerk Moe recommended that the motion include the provision that the requestor continue to work with the Police Department and railroad.

Ald. Wiza and Ald. Trzebiatowski agreed.

Amended Motion: Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the temporary extension for the licensed premise as well as approval to hold an event on October 22, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with the understanding that she work with the railroad and the Police Department.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

### **3. Discussion and Possible Action on Request to Raise Chickens - Denise Heimstead, 563 Second St N.**

Denise Heimstead, 563 Second Street N., said her request is to raise four chickens. She said she conducted a lot of research before making this request. Ms. Heimstead reviewed how she plans to care for the chickens including cleaning, screening, waste removal, feeding and storage of food supplies. She said she will take every precaution to prevent rodents in this area. She concluded by saying that her plans are not set in stone and that she is willing to work with her neighbors.

Ald. Wiza asked how Ms. Heimstead plans to get into the fenced area.

Ms. Heimstead said the fenced area will be attached to her enclosed shed. She said she will enter through the shed.

Ald. Wiza asked how she will get into the fenced area.

Ms. Heimstead said she will be using an old dog kennel with a gate.

Ald. Wiza asked how the bottom of the fence will be lined.

Ms. Heimstead said she will either dig the fence into the ground or line the bottom of the fence with bricks.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, Whiting, supports the request. He suggested that the City change the ordinance to accommodate these requests.

Ald. Moore noted that he did not receive any calls regarding this request.

Betty Kinney, 601 Second Street N., said she is Denise's neighbor and she does not have any objections.

Ald. Wiza read an email from Mary Filtz regarding concerns about the location and visibility of the chickens from her rental property.

Ald. R. Stroik said Ms. Filtz testified at the March 14, 2011 Public Protection meeting regarding concerns on visibility of the chickens and waste removal.

Ald. Suomi asked if the Committee is discussing both the request and ordinance update.

Ald. R. Stroik said only the request is being discussed at this time. He said if requests become more popular then the Committee would address updating the ordinance.

Ald. Suomi asked for clarification on more popular.

Ald. R. Stroik replied if requests start coming in each month.

Clerk Moe reviewed the list of past requests for raising animals in the city. He feels the current ordinance is sufficient for now.

Ald. Wiza agrees the ordinance does not need to be changed at this time. He said the Humane Society should be responsible for any issues with the upkeep of the animals.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, approval for Denise Heimstead, 563 Second Street North, to raise four chickens as an annual permit as outlined in the packet.

Clerk Moe recommended the motion include the provision that when the chicken coop is finished that she contact the Humane Society and they come out to inspect it.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, approval for Denise Heimstead, 563 Second Street North, to raise four chickens as an annual permit as outlined in the packet and have the Humane Society review the chicken coop once it is completed.

Ald. M. Stroik asked for clarification on the annual permit.

Ald. R. Stroik said the request will come before the Committee again next year if there are issues.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

#### **4. Discussion and Possible Action on the Monthly Inspection Report.**

Director Ostrowski noted the report includes an approximately \$100,000 remodeling project for Cooper Oil.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to place the report on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

#### **5. Adjournment.**

Adjournment at 7:17 p.m.