

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Monday, November 11, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.
Lincoln Center - 1519 Water Street

Present: Alderpersons: R. Stroik, Wiza, Trzebiatowski, Suomi, M. Stroik

Also

Present: Mayor Halverson; City Attorney Beveridge; C/T Ladick; Clerk Moe; Alderpersons Doxtator, Slowinski and Moore; Directors Lemke, Schrader, Ostrowski, McGinty and Schatschneider; Chief Kujawa; Chief Ruder; Asst. Chief Zenner; Asst. Chief Skibba; Human Resource Manager Jakusz; Deputy C/T Freeberg; Charlie Carlson; Barb Jacob; Rick Zinda; Dale Schulfer; Cliff Bembeneck; Steve Plaski; Ken Rozek; Ernie Quesada; Nate Enwald - Gazette; Brandi Makuski - City Times; Chris Jones - Journal

1. License List:

A. New Operator 's (Bartender 's) Licenses.

B. "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor and Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License: Sara Raikowski, for The Market on Strongs, 1332 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point for license period beginning November 19, 2013.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to approve 36 new operator licenses and "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor and Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for Sara Raikowski, for The Market on Strongs, 1332 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point for license period beginning November 19, 2013.

Call for the vote: Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

2. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings - CAP Services, annual "Take a Step" 5K run/walk on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the UWSP 's Allen Center. Requesting partial road closure of Illinois Ave. and parking restrictions on Maria Dr and Illinois Ave.

Asst. Chief Skibba said this is an annual event and the Police Department does not have any issues with the event.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked if the run goes through part of the Town of Hull.

Asst. Chief Skibba said in the past, they have worked with the county if the run goes outside the city limits.

Ald. R. Stroik noted the entire run is within the city.

Ald. Suomi is concerned with the road closure during that time of year.

Asst. Chief Skibba said he does not see an issue for that time of year.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, approval of the request to hold street closings as presented.

Call for the vote: Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

3. Ordinance - Peace and Offenses - Chronic Nuisance.

City Attorney Beveridge said this ordinance incorporates the changes that were identified at last month's Council meeting. The City Attorney reviewed the changes made to the ordinance dealing with definition of premises, nuisance activities within a 30-day period and modifications for course of action.

Judith McDermott, 1349 Jakes Lane, would like further clarification of the ordinance where it states call for assistance made by the owner or occupant. She asked what if a neighbor makes the call.

City Attorney Beveridge replied he will take a look at that section.

Paul Wachowiak, 1620 Meadow View Lane, disagrees that the property not people are the cause of problems. He said the proposed ordinance improperly shifts the burden for criminal enforcement to private businesses. Mr. Wachowiak stated the landlords are being penalized for not keeping the peace and tenants are being penalized for requesting police assistance. He said there are already laws for all the violations stated in the proposed ordinance.

Rich Sommers, 4224 Janick Circle N, voiced his concerns on the proposed ordinance. He said the City already has the tools in place for taking care of these violations when they issue the housing licenses each year.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, said the proposed ordinance discourages people from calling the police.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said the main concern is that the property owners will be held responsible rather than the tenants. He said the person holding the party, etc. needs to be held accountable.

Ald. Wiza asked the City Attorney if any due process is being violated.

City Attorney Beveridge said a tenant being penalized for requesting police assistance is addressed in the ordinance and it prohibits retaliation based on calls to the police. He noted evictions are not addressed in the proposed ordinance; evictions are handled through state statutes. The City Attorney also noted that licensing is not addressed in this ordinance. He stated the concerns about fines or losing licenses is not what this ordinance is about. He said the fines are in the ordinance to give an incentive to work with the police.

Ald. R. Stroik said this ordinance is to help prevent absent landlords in the City of Stevens Point from doing nothing.

Asst. Chief Skibba said the main purpose of the proposed ordinance is to bring people to the table.

Police Chief Ruder reiterated the purpose of the ordinance is to partner with the property owners .

Ald. Suomi said this is a step in the right direction.

Ald. Suomi **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the ordinance.

Ald. Wiza said this is a matter of taking responsibility for your actions and the actions you have control over. He said there are a small number of property owners who just want to collect the paycheck and do nothing when issues come up and that is the reason for this ordinance.

Call for the vote: Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

4. Monthly Inspection Report.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the report and place it on file.

Call for the vote: Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

5. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 6:36 p.m.