

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Monday, October 13, 2014 – 6:56 P.M.
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street**

Present: Alderpersons: Wiza, Trzebiatowski, M. Stroik, Doxtator

Excused: Alderperson Slowinski

Also

Present: Mayor Halverson; City Attorney Beveridge; Clerk Moe; Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick; Alderpersons Patton, R. Stroik, Phillips and Moore; Directors Schrader, and Ostrowski; Fire Chief Finn; Police Chief Ruder; Asst. Chief Zenner; Superintendent of Streets Laidlaw; Asst. to the Mayor Pazdernik; Barb Jacob; Hans Walther; Louis Molepske; Bob Fisch; Nate Enwall – Gazette; Brandi Makuski – City Times; Larry Lee – WSAU; Sari Lesk - Journal

1. License List:

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

B. Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" License (Picnic) – Association of Downtown Businesses, PO Box 586, Stevens Point, for Fall Festival on Saturday, October 25, 2014 on the public square. Licensed operator on the premise: Troy Hijack. (Beer only)

C. Class "B" Combination Beer and Liquor License – Estate Wines LLC for Indulgence Wine Bar, 1201 Main Street, Stevens Point for license period beginning October 29, 2014.

Ald. Trzebiatowski **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the license list and the granting of the temporary (picnic) license for the Association of Downtown Businesses is contingent upon approval of the Fall Festival event.

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

2. Ordinance Amendment – Require Leads Online reporting for pawnbrokers and certain secondhand merchandise transactions (Section 12.17 of the RMC).

Ald. Wiza explained that Leads in an online reporting system for pawnbrokers and secondhand merchants to catalog items they received and who they received them from.

Asst. Chief Zenner said this system is a valuable tool for their Investigations Bureau.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked what other businesses besides jewelry stores are required to use this system.

Asst. Chief Zenner stated secondhand electronics and video games would also be required to use the reporting system.

City Attorney Beveridge said the pawn loan shop on the south side would also be required to use this system. He stated the other major businesses required to use the Leads reporting system would be coin shops and anyone taking in used cell phones. The Attorney noted the transaction fee has been removed from this version of the ordinance.

Ald. M. Stroik asked what is the difference between a consignment shop and a pawn store.

City Attorney Beveridge said the main difference between a pawn shop and secondhand store is you pawn your item, you get cash for it and the pawn shop commits to not selling that item for a certain length of time. He noted that clothing stores will not be required to use the reporting system.

Ald. Wiza asked what measures are taken to prevent a stolen stereo from being sold at a consignment shop.

City Attorney Beveridge said the store would have to report that they received that item by the end of the day.

Ald. Wiza asked if consignment shops will be required to use the Leads online reporting system.

City Attorney Beveridge replied yes.

Ald. M. Stroik asked if consignment shops are required to do this now.

City Attorney Beveridge replied there is currently no requirement for Leads online reporting system. He said the existing ordinance requires them to use the automated pawn system.

Ald. M. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment.

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

3. Ordinance Amendment – Creating the Prohibition of Possession of Marijuana (Section 24.51 of the RMC).

Asst. Chief Zenner said this ordinance amendment is in line with what Portage County and the Village of Plover has in effect. He stated that the Police Department is in favor of this ordinance amendment.

Ald. Doxtator asked if possession of less than five grams is considered a misdemeanor.

Ald. Wiza believes if it is five grams or less.

Asst. Chief Zenner stated if it is five grams or less and it is their first offense. He said a second offense would be a felony.

Ald. M. Stroik asked what the City currently has for this offense.

Asst. Chief Zenner said currently this would be a criminal charge.

Ald. Doxtator asked why five grams was determined.

City Attorney Beveridge said five grams were determined to keep it consistent with the County and Plover.

Ald. Wiza asked the City Attorney to touch on the fact of our ordinance staying in line with the County's ordinance.

City Attorney Beveridge said currently if you are in the city limits, this would be a criminal charge and if you are outside the city limits, it would be an ordinance violation. He stated this ordinance amendment would create consistency within the County. The City Attorney noted that under penalties, it states a forfeiture of not less than \$200, nor more than \$500; however, since this was drafted the Police Chief would like that to read \$300.

Ald. M. Stroik asked if this will affect our requirements for bartenders' licenses.

City Attorney Beveridge stated those requirements do not make reference to whether it is a criminal or ordinance violation.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to adopt the ordinance amendment with the forfeiture for the possession of marijuana subject to a forfeiture of \$300.

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

4. Monthly Inspection Report.

Director Ostrowski stated it was a good month for new residential construction.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to accept the Inspection Report and place it on file.

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

5. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 7:10 p.m.