

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
Monday, May 11, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.  
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street**

**Present:** Alderpersons: Mrozek, Ryan, Van Stippen, Morrow

**Excused:** Alderperson Doxtator

**Also**

**Present:** Mayor Wiza; City Attorney Beveridge; City Clerk Moe; Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick; Alderpersons Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, McComb and Phillips; Directors Lemke and Ostrowski; Fire Chief Finn; Interim Police Chief Skibba; Superintendent Laidlaw; Tricia Church; Barb Jacob; Dan Rusch; Neil Prendergast; Nate Enwald – Gazette; Brandi Makuski – City Times; Mykayla Hilgart – The Pointer

Clerk Moe said Ald. Doxtator was excused from the meeting; therefore, the Committee needs to select a Chair.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to select Ald. Van Stippen as Chair for this meeting.

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

**1. License List:**

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

**B. Renewal Operator's Licenses.**

**C. Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" License (Picnic) :**

- i. **St. Joseph Parish, 1709 Wyatt Avenue, Stevens Point for St. Joseph Parish Picnic on June 5, 6 and 7, 2015 at 1709 Wyatt Avenue. Licensed operators on the premise: Dave Hansen and Mike Kazmareck. (Beer and Wine)**
- ii. **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Wisconsin, 1000A Division Street, Stevens Point for Taste of the Town on August 8, 2015 at Pfiffner Park. Licensed operator on the premise: Stacey Robertson. (Beer and Wine)**

**D. Change of Agent – Fleet and Farm of Green Bay, Inc., 512 Laurel Street, Brainerd MN, James Tock, W12011 Angle Rd, Marion, WI; agent at Mills Gas Mart, 5590 A Hwy 10 East replacing Jerome Zentner.**

**E. Taxi Cab Drivers.**

**F. 2015-2016 Retail Alcohol Renewals.**

Interim Chief Skibba stated the Police Department does not have any concerns with the license list. He said there were some issues with Bruisers Night Club; however, they were able to work with the owner to resolve the issues.

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the license list.

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

## **2. Request to keep chickens – Karen Bodensteiner and Mark Emerson, 1001 Fourth Ave.**

Karen Bodensteiner, 1001 Fourth Avenue, said they are requesting to raise up to five chickens but they will most likely only have two to three. She said all the required documents have been submitted and letters were sent to all the neighbors. Ms. Bodensteiner submitted an email from one of her neighbors, Axel Schmetzke, who is out of the country but supports her request.

Ald. Van Stippen read the email from Axel Schmetzke.

Ald. Mrozek asked what neighbors were notified.

Ms. Bodensteiner said she received a list from the City and sent letters to everyone on that list. She said one neighbor was originally in support of her request but has since changed her mind.

Ald. Mrozek said so only one neighbor is not in agreement with the request. She also asked if a portion of the coop will be visible from Third Street.

Ms. Bodensteiner said the location of the coop can be changed if needed. She said that area of the yard is fenced in so they thought that would be a good area for the coop. She said the coop may be visible from Third Street but there are trees in that area as well as the fence.

Ald. Ryan asked what coop design will be used.

Ms. Bodensteiner said they will probably use one of the coop designs pictured on the middle of page of the handout.

Ald. Morrow asked if only hens will be raised.

Ms. Bodensteiner replied yes.

Mayor Wiza stated there have been many requests to raise animals. He noted the chickens will be completely enclosed as well as the fence enclosing the yard. The Mayor asked if the owners would be willing to screen the bottom portion of the picket fence.

Ms. Bodensteiner replied sure.

Mark Emerson, 1001 Fourth Avenue, stated the coop could also be moved elsewhere on their lot.

Dan Rusch, 1016 Washington Avenue, raised concerns about the smell, animals that chickens will draw into the area and responsibility of raising chickens. He asked who will inspect the coop and make sure it is properly maintained.

Ald. Slowinski asked which neighbor is opposed to their request.

Ms. Bodensteiner pointed out the property owner on the map for Ald. Slowinski.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, stated there are a number of people in the City that raise chickens. She has not heard of anyone contacting the City about the smell of the chickens.

Mayor Wiza said he did some background work and talked to the neighbors who had concerns. He reviewed the process for requesting to raise animals in the City and how complaints are handled. Mayor Wiza submitted a signed copy of Bridget Morton's letter for the record.

Ald. Mrozek asked if permits last indefinitely as long as they stay in compliance.

Mayor Wiza said they are automatically renewed.

Ald. Mrozek asked if someone is not in compliance, who would bring it back to the Committee.

Mayor Wiza said it would be the City making that decision.

Clerk Moe said the options before the Committee are to approve the request, deny it or forward it to the Council without a recommendation.

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the request with the conditions that the Humane Society sign off on the chicken coop, not to exceed five chickens, no roosters and enclose the slats of the 4-foot picket fence if that is where the coop will be kept.

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

### **3. Monthly Inspection Report.**

Director Ostrowski is available for any questions.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the report and place it on file.

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

### **4. Adjournment.**

Adjournment at 6:33 p.m.