

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Monday, June 8, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street**

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

Also

Present: Mayor Wiza; City Clerk Moe; Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick; Alderpersons Oberstadt, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, McComb and Phillips; Directors Schrader, Ostrowski and Schatschneider; Fire Chief Finn; Interim Police Chief Skibba; Asst. Police Chief Zenner; Tricia Church; Barb Jacob; Neil Prendergast; Joe Fox; Broc Spaulding; Cade Spaulding; Courtney Spaulding; Sara Brish; Allen Rasmussen Jr.; Nate Enwald – Gazette; Brandi Makuski – City Times

1. License List:

- A. New Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.**
- B. Renewal Operator's Licenses.**
- C. Taxi Cab Company (Renewal) – CABZ 4 U, 2860 Post Road, Plover, WI 54467; Roxanne Johnson, owner.**
- D. Taxi Cab Drivers.**
- E. Junk Dealer/Recycling License (Renewal) – Express Recycling LLC, 2608 Water Street, Stevens Point, Matt and Tim Zacher, owners.**
- F. Commercial Animal Establishments (Renewal):**
 - i. Country Paws Bed & Biscuit, 2107 Country Club Drive, Stevens Point, WI; Laura Bronk, 2107 Country Club Drive, owner.**
 - ii. The Barking Lot, 3432 Minnesota Avenue, Stevens Point, WI; Pamalla Schneider, 1937 Plover Street, owner.**

Interim Chief Skibba said the Police Department does not have any issues with the license list.

Ald. Mrozek asked how often are the animal establishments inspected.

Mayor Wiza said there is an annual inspection.

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

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

2. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings:

- A. Association of Downtown Businesses – Annual 4th of July Parade on July 4, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. Request for closure of a section of Main Street and parking restrictions.**
- B. Association of Downtown Businesses – Discover Downtown Event (formerly known as Crazy Days) on July 17-18, 2015. Request for closure of a section of Main Street.**

Mayor Wiza noted he as well as the alderpersons will have an entry in the parade this year.

Ald. Van Stippen **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the requests to hold events and street closings for 2A. and 2B.

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

C. Stevens Point Area Convention & Visitors Bureau – 2015 B.A.S.S. College National Championship Series Tournament on July 9–11, 2015. Request for closure of a section of Portage Street on July 7-12, 2015.

Sara Brish, Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, stated they will be hosting the B.A.S.S. Masters Collegiate National Championship. The request is to close Portage Street from Phillips Street to Reserve Street so they can house the B.A.S.S. Masters Tournament trailers.

Interim Chief Skibba said the Police Department does not have any issues with this request.

Mayor Wiza said this is a huge event for this community. He said the trailers are there to service the anglers if needed. The Mayor encouraged citizens to come out and see this event.

Ald. Morrow asked how many people are expected for this event.

Ms. Brish said there are 84 tournament boats that will be competing. She said family and friends will be coming in from across the nation. Ms. Brish said the event will take place July 9, 10 and 11, 2015.

Ald. Morrow asked if the closed area will be for the public or just for the anglers. He would also like to know how many individuals typically attend this event.

Ms. Brish said it will be for the anglers, sponsors and foot traffic from Lot R to the Sundial area. She said last year, the event brought in 10,000 people.

Mayor Wiza said the tournament competitors will be in the area at least a week before the event. He noted this event will bring a lot of revenue to local businesses.

Ald. Slowinski asked if the street will be closed for the entire three days.

Ms. Brish replied it will be closed from July 7, 2015 to July 12, 2015.

Ald. Slowinski asked if any of the residents will have issues getting in or out.

Ms. Brish said there is only one home in this area and they will have access to their driveway.

Joseph Fox, 1801 Portage Street, asked if Portage Street from Division Street to Phillips Street will be open.

Ms. Brish replied yes.

William Lawlor, 2508 Simonis Street, owns the property at 2045 Portage Street. He asked if the point of closure could be moved 160 feet back from Reserve Street. Mr. Lawlor is also concerned where the people working at the library will park because they currently use his property to park.

Ms. Brish said that can be considered. She noted that Lot R will be closed for the event. Ms. Brish said the university is willing to let the tenants of 2045 Portage Street park in Lot R.

Ald. Ryan asked why the library employees are not using the university parking areas.

William Lawlor said they use his property because they are guaranteed parking directly across from the library.

Ald. Van Stippen asked if he is charging them a fee to park on his property.

William Lawlor replied yes, there is a fee.

Ald. Doxtator applauded the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for hosting this event.

Ald. Ryan **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors Bureau 2015 B.A.S.S. College National Championship Series Tournament on July 9 to July 11, 2015 with request for closure of Portage Street between Phillips Street and Reserve Street on July 7 to July 12, 2015.

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

3. Request to keep chickens – Cade & Courtney Spaulding, 1108 Green Ave.

Ald. Mrozek asked if they plan to keep the chickens during the winter.

Cade Spaulding, 1108 Green Avenue, said if they keep the chickens over the winter, they will keep them in the garage.

Ald. Ryan asked Mr. Spaulding what his plan was if they do not keep them.

Mr. Spaulding said they will sell them at the end of summer.

Ald. Morrow asked if all the chickens are hens.

Mr. Spaulding replied yes.

Ald. Doxtator asked how many hens they planned to have.

Mr. Spaulding said they were looking at six to eight hens.

Ald. Van Stippen said the notice that went out to the neighbors stated five to six chickens.

Mr. Spaulding said they would be fine with six hens.

Ald. Mrozek asked if there will be a section in the garage for the chickens if they do keep them over the winter.

Mr. Spaulding said they will keep them in the same coop with heating lamps inside the garage.

Mayor Wiza recommended that the Committee place a specific number of chickens allowed based on the size of the coop and include in the motion that if they are kept during the winter, they are to be kept in the garage subject to an inspection by the Humane Society and provide a heat source.

Clerk Moe stated he has not received the certificate of liability insurance from the homeowners.

Mr. Spaulding said he talked with his insurance agent and he would be sending it in.

Ald. Mrozek asked if the requestor would be alright with limiting the number of chickens to four based on the size of the coop.

Mr. Spaulding said people have housed eight to twelve chickens in this size coop. He said it depends on the size of chicken.

Ald. Mrozek asked what size chickens they plan to raise.

Mr. Spaulding said they plan to raise bantams.

Ald. Slowinski said when the Humane Society does their inspection, they should know if there are too many chickens for the size of coop.

Mayor Wiza said the Humane Society is checking to see if the environment is safe for the animals and that they are receiving proper care.

Ald. Patton said he did not receive any calls regarding this request. He said the Committee should let the Humane Society decide on the number of chickens.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, said she is once again requesting that the City develop standards for these types of requests so the Committee does not have to deal with this every time someone wants to raise chickens.

Mayor Wiza stated the City is looking at putting together an animal ordinance. He said there are a lot of variables making it difficult to standardize it.

Ald. McComb said she did some research on backyard chickens. She said it is suggested four square feet of floor space for large fowl and three square feet of floor space per bantam chicken.

Ald. Patton said his daughter has 24 chickens in a 10' x 12' coop.

Ald. Van Stippen **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve up to six hens and if kept during the winter to be housed in the garage with a sufficient heat source, subject to review by the Humane Society and homeowners provide proof of insurance.

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

4. Monthly Inspection Report.

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

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

5. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 6:29 p.m.