

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Monday, April 11, 2016 – 6:1800 P.M.
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street**

Present: Alderpersons: Doxtator, Mrozek, Ryan, Johnson, Morrow.

Also

Present: Mayor Wiza; City Attorney Beveridge; City Clerk Moe; Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick; Alderpersons Slowinski, Kneebone, McComb, Oberstadt, Phillips, Patton; Directors Schrader, Schatschneider, and Ostrowski; David Shorr, Cathy Dugan, Roger Dasler, Mary Doudna, Lon Doudna, Mary B. Hirst, Mary Ann Laszewski, Brian Wogernese, Brandi Makuski-Stevens Point City Times; Nate Enwald-Portage County Gazette.

1. License List:

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

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

- i. **St. Stephen's Church, 1401 Clark Street, Stevens Point, for St. Stephen Family Fest on June 19, 2016 at 1335 Clark Street. Licensed operator on premise: Gary Marquard (Beer and Wine).**
- ii. **St. Peter's Parish Picnic Committee, 800 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point, for St. Peter's Parish Picnic on June 11 and June 12, 2016 at 708 First Street. Licensed operator on premise: Gene Kemmeter (Beer and Wine).**
- iii. **Wisconsin League of Musky Anglers, 1816 Julie Lane, Stevens Point, for Wisconsin League of Musky Angler Sign Up Meeting at the Piffner Building, 501 Franklin Street. Licensed operator on premise: Josef Wojchieholski (Beer Only).**

Chief Skibba stated the Class "B" / "Class B" (Picnic) have been an annual events and there were no issues to report.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the License list.

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

2. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings:

A. Special Olympics State Summer Games – June 9-11, 2016. Closure of portions of Reserve Street and Illinois Avenue.

B. Stevens Point Police Officers Organization – Run from the Cops 5K on September 24, 2016. Closure of a portion of Church St.

Chief Skibba stated these have been annual events and there were no issues to report.

Ald. Mrozek stated she was under the impression the City would no longer be providing barricades and barrels for these type of events over concern of the City's liability. She asked for clarification.

Ald. Johnson also questioned the City's liability in providing the barricade and added the use of city equipment should have some language involving limited liability.

Chief Skibba replied the Police Department is working with the Department of Public Works to initiate an application process.

Dir. Schatschneider stated due to the fact there is no new policy or application process, the current practice is in place.

The Mayor stated that without a new policy in place, the status quo remains the same. He added there is no more exposure risk now than there has been in the past.

Ald. Ryan **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the street closings and events listed as items A and B.

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

3. Appeal of service charge for property maintenance violation at 2400 Nebel Street.

Roger Dasler, 2400 Nebel Street, stated there were some extenuating circumstances concerning not meeting the date to repair the property. He asked if the Committee would waive the violation.

Ald. Morrow asked if the entire debris pile has been removed.

Mr. Dasler stated yes.

Dir. Ostrowski stated the purpose in citing violations is compliance to ordinances and not to generate revenue. He added his Department and staff are more than willing to work with property owners but since no contact was made, an additional service charge was added.

Ald. Johnson questioned if 15 days is a reasonable amount of time to comply. She suggested better documentation stating to contact the City if there were questions or unusual circumstances.

Ald. Jeremy Slowinski, 4501 Pleasant View Drive, cautioned the Committee on setting a precedent for future citations. He stated it is clearly stated to contact the City with any concerns.

Ald. Ryan stated this was a reasonable amount of time to comply with citation.

Ald. Morrow stated the goal is for compliance and should be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Ald. Doxtator stated the property owner has done due diligence and deserves to have the fine reduced.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the service charge be waived.

Call for the vote: Ayes, majority; nays, minority, motion carried.

4. Ordinance Amendment: Reauthorization and amendment of the Chronic Nuisance Premises ordinance, section 24.51 of the RMC.

City Attorney Beveridge stated the proposed ordinance change is straight forward. The reauthorization is required under section 10 followed by the repeal of section 10 and there are no changes.

Chief Skibba stated in one instance, the property owner proactively addressed the issue before the Police Department became involved.

Ald. Ryan asked Chief Skibba if it would be more effective moving it from 60 to 90 days.

Chief Skibba replied 60 days was adequate.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment: Reauthorization and amendment of the Chronic Nuisance Premises ordinance 24.51 of the RMC.

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

5. Ordinance Amendment: Creating section 12.14(h) related to alcohol sales at small grocery stores.

City Attorney Beveridge stated this would allow for the sale and storage of alcohol in smaller grocery stores (under 15,000 square feet) and allow these smaller stores to keep the alcohol locked up.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded to approve the sale of alcohol in small grocery/specialty stores.

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

6. Ordinance Amendment: Creating section 21.16(c) of the RMC related to licensing the keeping of chickens, ducks, and rabbits.

City Attorney Beveridge stated under current ordinances the permit for the keeping of chickens, ducks and rabbits falls under the same permit as requesting a wild or dangerous animal. He would like to clarify the permitting process.

Ald. Doxtator asked about the inspection process.

Mayor Wiza said the Humane Society does annual inspections with regard to the keeping of these animals.

Ald. Doxtator asked if the Inspection Department would be more appropriate to issue these requests rather than the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Wiza stated the permitting process has always been through the City Clerk's Office.

Clerk Moe stated minor complaints come in occasionally and are referred to the Inspection Department who then makes a site visit and can contact the Humane Society if there are any questions.

Dir. Ostrowski stated if there is a concern about the animals, the Health Department or the Humane Society will do the inspection. He added this streamlines the process; eliminate the permits and simply state in the ordinance that there can be no more than 5 chickens.

Ald. Doxtator asked if there was a licensing fee.

Clerk Moe stated no.

The Mayor stated this was an attempt to streamline the process for keeping small animals.

Clerk Moe asked C/T Ladick what the requirements are for licensing dogs.

C/T Ladick stated the owners must provide a rabies certificate and the fee to register a dog.

Clerk Moe asked if there were other requirements for dog licensing such as a kennel, a fenced in run, water.

C/T Ladick stated no, it requires just the rabies certificate and the fee.

Clerk Moe questioned if this process should include a permit or if an ordinance should state the number of animals allowed. He stated complaints from neighbors would initiate the inspection process.

Mayor Wiza stated it would be a good idea to have some sort of registration so we know who has animals.

Ald. Ryan suggested property owners who are in violation of property maintenance ordinances not be permitted to keep these types of animals.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to postpone the ordinance amendment until next month.

Call for the vote: Ayes, all; nays, no; motion carried.

7. City's rental licensing program – Statutory update.

City Attorney Beveridge reviewed the sections related to regulating rental licensing. He stated this should not affect the way the City handles inspections or complaints. City Attorney Beveridge added fees would need to be uniform rather than based upon number or quality of units. He added subsequent re-inspections fees would be a flat fee and not based on the number of re-inspections needed. City Attorney Beveridge stated a reasonable fee can be charged for licensing and would require contact information of the property owner.

Dir. Ostrowski stated currently the application and inspection fees are combined and in the future will need to be charged separately. He stated the current fee is representative of what it costs the City to process the paperwork and do the inspections. Dir. Ostrowski stated a few changes will need to occur in the way the City issues the licenses, handles inspections and the fees associated with both of these. He added this agenda item was to update the Committee and no action was required.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.