

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Monday, November 14, 2016 – 6:20 P.M.
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street**

Present: Alderpersons: Johnson, Ryan, Dugan, McComb, Morrow

Also

Present: Mayor Wiza; City Attorney Beveridge; City Clerk Moe; Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick; Alderpersons Doxtator, Shorr, Oberstadt, Slowinski, Kneebone and Phillips; Directors Schrader, Lemke and Ostrowski; Police Chief Skibba; Fire Chief Finn; Deputy C/T Freeberg; Tricia Church; Collin Schroeder; Brett Stuchert; Carl Rasmussen; Jacob Berkalow; Nate Enwald – Gazette

1. License List:

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

Chief Skibba said all licenses have been appropriately vetted.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the provisional operator licenses as presented.

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

B. Rapids Kwik Cab, 122 8th Street S., Wisconsin Rapids, WI; Christopher Wickersham, owner.

Ald. Johnson asked if Mr. Wickersham is currently in business in Wisconsin Rapids.

Christopher Wickersham, 122 8th Street S, replied he has been in business for eight months in Wisconsin Rapids.

Ald. Johnson asked how many drivers and vehicles he has.

Mr. Wickersham said he has three drivers and two vehicles.

Ald. Johnson asked if his vehicles are licensed and inspected.

Mr. Wickersham replied yes.

Ald. Johnson asked if he has any issues in Wisconsin Rapids.

Mr. Wickersham said his business in Wisconsin Rapids is good.

Clerk Moe said the Clerk's office needs his vehicle inspections and proof of insurance before issuing the license.

Chief Skibba said he contacted the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department and they do not have any issues with this company.

Clerk Moe asked if the drivers' applications will be submitted after this license is approved.

Mr. Wickersham replied correct.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the license for the new taxicab company.

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

2. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings: YMCA – Frostbite Road Race and Winter Walk on December 3, 2016 with partial/complete closure of sections of Second Street N and Fourth Avenue for the first 20 minutes of the race.

Chief Skibba said this is an annual event that has been a success in the past.

Ald. Dugan **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the request to hold the event and street closings for the YMCA Frostbite Road Race.

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

3. Brochure outlining the role, powers and responsibilities of an alderperson.

Mayor Wiza noted that alderpersons can have a generic phone number assigned to them and all calls would be directed to the alderperson's phone number of their choosing. He said this way the phone number for the alderperson would always remain the same. The Mayor said an email addresses could also be set up the same way.

Ald. Morrow said currently the alderpersons' contact information is on the website.

Ald. Johnson said she put together this brochure with the help of the City Attorney and Ald. McComb. She said this is a draft and she is open to suggestions.

Ald. Dugan made some suggestions on consistency and structure.

Ald. Morrow said the Committee should continue to work on this.

Ald. Dugan asked if it is correct that the City has a weak mayor form of government.

Mayor Wiza replied the Common Council has the authority so it is called the weak mayor system.

4. Committee members' ideas for future agenda items. (Topics introduced under this item will not be discussed at this meeting.)

Ald. Morrow took the opportunity to congratulate Clerk Moe on how smoothly and well organized the election process was especially at his local polling place.

Ald. Johnson agreed and thanked Clerk Moe for his work.

There were no suggestions from the committee members for future topics.

5. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 6:41 p.m.