

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
Monday, July 10, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.  
Lincoln Center, 1519 Water Street**

**Present:** Alderpersons: Oberstadt, Johnson, Dugan, McComb and Phillips

**Also**

**Present:** Mayor Wiza; City Clerk Moe; Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick; City Attorney Beveridge; Alderpersons Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Slowinski, Kneebone and Morrow; Directors Schrader and Ostrowski; Police Chief Skibba; Fire Chief Finn; Cassandra DeWitt; Lisa Jakusz; Nate Enwald; Scott Beduhn

**Discussion and Possible Action on the Following:**

**1. License List:**

**A. New Operators (Bartenders) Licenses.**

**B. Renewal Operators Licenses.**

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

**i. Portage County Democratic Party, 2220 Division Street, Stevens Point, for Portage County Democratic Party Picnic on August 27, 2017 at the Pffnner Building.**

**Licensed operator on premise: Jan Way. (Beer only)**

**ii. Holy Spirit Parish, 838 Fremont Street, Stevens Point, for Spiritfest Holy Spirit Parish Picnic on July 22 and July 23, 2017 at 838 Fremont Street. Licensed operator on premise: Gerald Check. (Beer and Wine)**

**iii. Holy Spirit Parish Holy Name Society, 838 Fremont Street, Stevens Point, for Holy Spirit Parish Holy Name Society Steak Feed on August 8, 2017 at the Bukolt Park Lodge. Licensed operator on premise: Gerald Check. (Beer only)**

**iv. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Wisconsin, 1000A Division Street, Stevens Point, for Taste of the Town on August 12, 2017 at Pffnner Park. Licensed operator on premise: Stacey Robertson. (Beer and Wine)**

**v. Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools, 1004 First Street, Stevens Point, for Panacea on September 8, 9 and 10, 2017 at 1301 Maria Drive. Licensed operator on premise: Ken Raflik. (Beer and Wine)**

**D. "Class B" Combination Beer and Liquor License: Wicked Willow LLC, for Wicked Willow LLC, 1137 Main Street, Stevens Point; Cassandra DeWitt, agent for license period beginning August 1, 2017.**

**E. 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 Ave, Stevens Point, WI; Pamalla Schneider, 1937 Plover Street, owner.**

**F. Junk Dealer/Recycling License (Renewal): Express Recycling LLC, 2608 Water Street, Stevens Point; Matt and Tim Zacher, owners.**

Cassandra DeWitt, owner of Wicked Willow LLC is hoping to open August 15. The business will be serving cocktails and local vegetarian and organic cuisine.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, approval for all of the items A-F.

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

**2. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings: Team Schierl & Mada Pink game for cancer with UWSP Pointers Athletics on Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Request closure of a section of Fourth Avenue and to change the name of Fourth Avenue to PINK Street from September 25 through October 31, 2017.**

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the request.

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

**3. Ordinance Amendment - Schedule of Cash Deposits - Create increased penalties for repeat offense disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle (Subsection 24.27 of the RMC).**

City Attorney Beveridge stated there have been many citations with disorderly conduct with vehicles recently and there should be an increase the penalty for these violations. He said it was on the agenda he talked to the Police Department and there will be a few more changes that he will have for next week's council meeting.

Ald. Johnson asked why the certain numbers were chosen as the penalty numbers.

City Attorney Beveridge replied that the numbers represented progression of other ordinances that are increasing penalties.

Ald. Johnson mentioned that penalties can't be overwhelmingly unconstitutional, but have to be enough to sway people from committing these offences.

City Attorney Beveridge also mentioned wanting to try to add a penalty about trucks purposely producing large amounts of diesel smoke into the ordinance.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded to send the Ordinance Amendment to the Council without recommendation.

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

**4. Ordinance Amendment - Prohibiting Sexting (Subsection 24.54 of the RMC).**

City Attorney Beveridge said this type of conduct of soliciting sexual material between minors through electronic means is common and inappropriate. Currently it is legally addressed as a felony. The idea here is that a municipal court citation could be issued instead. The offender and parent could come into the municipal court and it could turn the situation into a teachable moment, learning the seriousness of the conduct and the effect it can have on other people. He said the hope is to get the cooperation of the parents. The sentencing will be case specific and may involve some sort of community service.

Ald. Johnson asked how to keep these cases in Municipal court versus it escalating to the District Attorney.

City Attorney Beveridge replied that there would be a citation filed with the municipal court and a brief report would be provided to him. From there a meeting would be scheduled with the child and parent to talk about the offence. This would be a way to work together to address the situation from an educational standpoint rather than a crime and punishment standpoint.

Ald. Nebel is in favor of this ordinance amendment and commends Chief Skibba and the City Attorney for their work.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, approval of the creation of subsection 24.54.

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

## **5. Update on permit parking and overnight on-street parking.**

Chief Skibba stated there is still a lot to be done with parking. The kiosks and computer systems are still being updated, but they will allow permitting and some permit lots have already been created. He understands the limited parking spaces for residents and believes the online system coming this fall will help resolve these issues.

Ald. Johnson was hoping to see the mapping for requests and citations for overnight parking violations shared with the committee.

Chief Skibba replied part of that will speak to how robust the software is, he is still waiting for answers. He met with Portage County dispatch and they are receiving a lot of requests coming in for overnight parking and it is becoming a officer safety issue.

Ald. Phillips asked Chief Skibba to be updated where the kiosks are being placed at the next meeting.

Ald. Oberstadt had a comment from a constituent regarding overnight on street parking. They would like to see a safety analysis of overnight parking because of concerns with the visibility of bikers and walkers. The topic will be revisited next month.

Ald. Jennings mentioned the comment from a constituent about the condition of Lot 8 and if there are any low cost ways to improve it. She said the lot looks abandoned so it invites trouble.

## **6. Adjournment.**

Adjournment at 9:04 p.m.