

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
Monday, September 11, 2017 – 6:38 P.M.  
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street**

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

**Also**

**Present:** City Attorney Beveridge; City Clerk Moe; Alderpersons Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Slowinski and Kneebone; Director Ostrowski; Fire Chief Finn; Police Chief Skibba; Cristine Hoffman; Rick Gwidt; Gene Kemmeter – Gazette

**1. Appeal of service charge for property maintenance violations:**

**A. 2108 Prairie Street**

Rick Gwidt, 2108 Prairie Street, said he was not aware that there was an ordinance prohibiting the placement of free items at the curb. He said he never saw the notice and feels the \$100 fine is quite steep.

Ald. Johnson noted that Mr. Gwidt's yard is well maintained.

Ald. Dugan suggested putting a notice on the homeowner's door so they see the notice of violation.

Ald. McComb said she thought there was a longer period of time between receiving the violation notice and picking up the items. She said she does not think there was enough time given for the owner to remove the items.

Mayor Wiza said certain violations have different time frames to be corrected.

Ald. Johnson said she thinks there should be a better system for notices other than placing a tag on the items.

Director Ostrowski said the items were placed in the right-of-way so the owner had 24 hours to remove them. He said the prior procedure was if there was a violation, the item was picked up without notice.

Ald. Slowinski said he agrees that notification of this type of violation needs to be adjusted.

Ald. Nebel said she feels this was an honest mistake. She said she calls in violations such as this but the items were out much longer.

Mayor Wiza said the majority of the service fee is for the time it takes staff to go out and follow up on the violations. He said the Council can decide if they want to look into adjusting fees and notification procedures.

Ald. Johnson said the notification procedure is not adequate.

Ald. McComb said she likes the bright pink slips but maybe they could be placed elsewhere to be more visible.

Ald. Dugan suggested placing the notifications on the garage door or on both the front and back doors of the home.

Mayor Wiza said this information will be passed on to the Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator.

Ald. Phillips said he does not want to encourage people to place items at the curb.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to deny the appeal.

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

### **B. 1933 Church Street**

Cristine Hoffman, 1940 Green Tree, Plover, said the carpet needed to be replaced so it was removed by the previous renter but it was never replaced. She said she took care of that within a few days. Ms. Hoffman said there were other items which were taken care of immediately. She said there is some chipping of paint on the house and she will attend to that. At this time, she asked the City to drop the requirement to paint the house.

Ald. Johnson said there are a number of areas where the wood is exposed to the elements where a coat of paint would protect the house.

Ms. Hoffman said she painted the house after she purchased it. She said she wants to preserve the house and not put vinyl siding on it. She said there was not a reasonable amount of time to paint the house.

Ald. Dugan asked when Ms. Hoffman purchased the house.

Ms. Hoffman replied approximately 12 years ago.

Ald. Dugan said this house is beautiful but it has not been properly maintained. She said she supports this noncompliance violation.

Ald. McComb said she is not clear what has been fixed and what has not been fixed.

Ms. Hoffman said she had fixed the handrail, door and window locks, natural gas supply and electrical violations.

Ald. Phillips said if she said she is doing everything else except for the painting the house then she should be given more time to paint the house.

Director Ostrowski said the outstanding issue is the painting and she was granted an extension until August, 2018.

Ald. Oberstadt noted on Ms. Hoffman's appeal she states that she does not feel the house needs to be repainted so that is the only thing being appealed.

Ald. Jennings said she hopes the Committee denies the appeal for 1933 Church Street. She said it is sad to see this home as a student rental.

Ms. Hoffman stated the property is not a student rental. She asked if there are any restrictions on color or painting patterns.

Director Ostrowski replied there are no restrictions.

Ald. Dugan asked how many times the Inspection Department visited the property.

Director Ostrowski said he knows of two visits to the property.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to deny the appeal.

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

## 2. License List:

- A. **New Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.**
- B. **Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" License (Picnic): St. Joseph's Holy Name Society, 1709 Wyatt Avenue, Stevens Point, for St. Joseph's Holy Name Pig Roast on October 14, 2017 at 1709 Wyatt Ave. Licensed operator on premise: David Ligman (Beer only).**
- C. **Taxicab Company: Courtesy Carriers Inc., dba Courtesy Cab, 5622 County Road B, Stevens Point, WI; Kathleen Sankey, owner.**
- D. **Taxicab Drivers.**
- E. **Temporary Extension of Licensed Premises: Partner's Pub and Grill Inc., 2600 Stanley Street for Partner's Pub and Grill, request for temporary extension of licensed premise to include a fenced in area in the parking lot for their annual Homecoming celebration on Saturday, October 14, 2017.**

Chief Skibba said all the licenses have been appropriately vetted.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve items 2. A. B. C. D. and E.

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

## 3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings:

- A. **UW- Stevens Point – Annual Homecoming celebration on October 14, 2017 – Requesting to hold a parade and closure of a sections of Isadore St., Maria Dr., Fourth Ave. and Reserve St.**

Chief Skibba said this is an annual event.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, approval of the request to hold event and street closures.

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

## 4. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 7:16 p.m.