

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
Monday, October 9, 2017 – 7:12 P.M.  
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street**

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

**Also**

**Present:** City Attorney Beveridge; Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick; City Clerk Moe; Alderpersons Jennings, Nebel, Slowinski and Kneebone; Director Ostrowski; Deputy C/T Freeberg; Laurie Bauer; Ted Bauer; Mary Ann Laszewski; Armin Nebel; Neil Prendergast; Delores Borkenhagen; Trevor Roark; Paul Mirman; Debbie Gilbert; Steve Laszinski; Fred Hopfensperger; Keaton Schultz; Travis Haines; Pam Skaleski; Maureen Pogorzelski; Cassie Lennox – Gazette; Brandi Makuski – City Times

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

**A. 816 Second Street**

Karl Halsey, Wittenberg, said he purchased this property after it had a fire. He said the former tenants had left behind some of their property that was still salvageable but since these were not his tenants he did not have contact information for them. Mr. Halsey said he was told by the realtor not to touch the former tenant's personal items.

Ald. Dugan asked when Mr. Halsey purchased the property.

Mr. Halsey said he purchased it in April. He said he eventually got the "ok" to remove the furniture which he did. Mr. Halsey said he is currently working on fixing the property up to better than it was before the fire.

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

Mr. Halsey asked for a reason why the appeal was denied.

Ald. Phillips said the City has an individual hired to take care of violations such as this and if we approve this appeal, someone else will be here next month with another excuse.

Ald. Johnson said she agrees with Ald. Phillips. She said the City has a process and the process needs to be followed.

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,**

- i. Create Portage County, 1039B Ellis Street, Stevens Point, for Spectral Microcinema on December 7, 2017 at 1039B Ellis Street. Licensed operator on premise: Greg Wright. (Beer only)
  - ii. Create Portage County, 1039B Ellis Street, Stevens Point, for Cheers to the Holidays/Business After Hours on December 18, 2017 at 1039B Ellis Street. Licensed operator on premise: Greg Wright. (Beer only)
3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings:
  - A. Association of Downtown Businesses – Annual Christmas Parade on November 17, 2017 – Request for the street closure of the Downtown Square and a section of Main Street.
  - B. YMCA – Frostbite Road Race and Winter Walk on December 2, 2017 with partial/complete closure of sections of Second Street N and Fourth Avenue for the first 20 minutes of the race.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the license list as presented and requests to hold events/street closings.

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

4. **Ordinance Amendment – Public Peace and Offenses Against Public Policy – Prohibiting the scattering of newspapers, advertising material (Subsection of 24.07 of the RMC).**

City Attorney Beveridge said this amendment would create a manner which people could contact the publisher and say they do not want to receive the advertising material, etc. He said the publisher would then have to take reasonable steps to stop delivery to that particular house.

Ald. Johnson said she has a constituent that is very appreciative of this ordinance amendment.

City Attorney Beveridge said this ordinance amendment is being presented to address the issue, not to dish out punishment.

Steve Laszinski, 1100 Smith Street, emphasized that these materials need to be delivered properly to the front or back door or porch. He said the bigger issue is that these materials are being thrown on lawns and sidewalks.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment-24.07 Scattering Prohibited.

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

5. **Ordinance Amendment – Building and Premises Maintenance and Occupancy – Storage of garbage carts (Subsection 21.03(4) of the RMC).**

Ald. Nebel said the reason for this amendment is because the verbiage is not consistent nor clear enough for people to know what is or is not acceptable.

Ald. Dugan said the interpretation of the ordinance is confusing.

Ald. McComb said the brochure and FAQ's are different than what is stated in the ordinance. She asked what the proposed ordinance added to the current ordinance.

Ald. Johnson said there is a lack of clarity in what the interpretation of the ordinance is and how it is being enforced.

City Attorney Beveridge said this amendment clears up the placement of the carts and closing the lids.

Ald. Dugan said she feels a drawing of what is acceptable would be helpful.

Ald. Johnson said the goal for the current ordinance was to promote recycling, increase efficiency and create a neater look in our community.

Maureen Pogorzelski, 1809 Briggs Street, said this issue is addressed in two different places in the ordinances and that is where the confusion lies.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, said that since the containers were implemented there are many containers stored in public view. She said this problem is occurring because large volume containers were delivered to every household and residents claim the containers are too large to fit into their garages. Ms. Laszewski suggested enclosing the containers that are stored outside with surrounds or screenings.

Fred Hopfensperger, 1924 W River Dr., said he does not think the garbage containers are ugly; however, he does have a problem when the containers are left out at the curb.

Travis Haines, 1317 College Ct, said he supports clarifying the discrepancy in the ordinances but nothing further than that.

Ald. Nebel said the City needs consistency, clarity and structure so the ordinance can be enforced.

Steve Laszinski, 1100 Smith St, asked what the root cause of the problem is.

Ald. Oberstadt said she is in favor of updating ordinances when it makes them clearer but she is not sure this amendment is ready for approval.

Ald. Dugan agrees the amendment is not yet ready for approval.

Ald. McComb said the current ordinance with the addition of the exception clause would be sufficient.

Ald. Johnson said the current ordinance states recyclables and refuge shall not be visible from the street and this is not strict enough so containers needs to be added to this wording.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to postpone this until next month's Public Protection Committee meeting and have a drawing submitted to the committee.

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

## **6. Adjournment.**

Adjournment at 8:16 p.m.