

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Monday, February 12, 2018 – 6:55 P.M.  
Police Department, 933 Michigan Avenue**

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

**Excused:** Alderpersons: Oberstadt and Dugan

**Also**

**Present:** Mayor Wiza; City Attorney Beveridge; Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick; City Clerk Moe; Alderpersons Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Slowinski, Kneebone and Morrow; Directors Schrader and Lemke; Asst. Chief Rottier; Chief Finn; John Dedie; Dave Way; Melissa Marcoux; Joe Roppe; Nancy Roppe; Diella Lake; George Douglas; Jeff Rice; Sarena Melotte; Bill Schierl; Gene Kemmeter – Portage County Gazette; Melissa Siegler – Stevens Point Journal

**1. License List:**

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

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

- i. Boys & Girls Club of Portage County, P O Box 171, Stevens Point, for Taste of Wine & Cheese on April 6, 2018 at Noel Hangar, 4501 Highway 66. (Wine only)**
- ii. Pacelli Catholic School, 1301 Maria Drive, Stevens Point, for Cardinal Crusade on March 3, 2018 at Pacelli High School, 1301 Maria Drive. (Beer and Wine)**

**C. "Class B" Combination Beer and Liquor License: Francis G. Jurgella II, for Frank & Ernies, 925 Second Street, Stevens Point for license period beginning March 1, 2018.**

**2. Request to Hold an Event/Street Closings:**

**A. Family Crisis Center – Take a Step 5K run/walk on May 2, 2018. Requesting temporary road closures on sections of Franklin St. and Northpoint Dr. and parking restrictions on a section of Franklin St.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve license list Items 1. A. B. & C. and Item 2.

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

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

**A. 457 Fourth Street**

Sheldon Schroeder, 457 Fourth Ave, said he had removed snow on Wednesday. He said on Friday, a guy was out shoveling snow in the area and he had planned to shovel his sidewalks when he returned. Mr. Schroeder said he is aware when he needs to remove the snow.

Director Ostrowski stated the snow was not just from the last snowfall and the time limit does not start over after each time it snows.

Ald. Johnson said she would like to know the timeframe and criteria for shoveling snow.

Director Ostrowski said snow must be removed in 24 hours after the snow stops. He said they typically use an inch of snow or more unless it is ice.

Mayor Wiza reiterated property owners have 24 hours after the end of the snow event to remove the snow if they have a boulevard and 48 hours if there is no boulevard.

Director Ostrowski said there were approximately 40 to 50 properties where Larry's Helping Hand was sent to remove the snow.

Ald. McComb asked if it would be advisable for residents to remove the snow regularly if it is snowing on and off.

Director Ostrowski said residents can sign up for a snow clearing notification when the snow needs to be removed.

Ald. Johnson said the quantity of snow should also be included in the ordinance.

Mayor Wiza said it could work if a general idea was used such as the National Weather Service.

Ald. Slowinski asked how secondary roads in the City are treated.

Mayor Wiza replied when there is approximately two inches of snow.

Ald. Nebel said two inches of snow on the sidewalks is too much.

Mayor Wiza said if the alderpersons want to change or clarify the ordinance that can be handled at a different meeting.

Ald. Slowinski said he does not have sidewalks in his neighborhood so the streets should be treated like sidewalks.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to deny the appeal by Sheldon Schroeder at 457 Fourth Street for the reason that the snow accumulated over a series of days.

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

#### **B. 321 West Street**

David Way, owner of 321 West Street, said his renter was ill and made the determination that he would rest and remove the snow later but in the meantime the City's contractor removed the snow.

John Dedie, 321 West Street, added there was only a minimal amount of fluffy snow and he checked to make sure the sidewalks were not slippery.

Mayor Wiza asked how long he was home ill.

Mr. Dedie replied two days.

Director Ostrowski said this violation is similar to the previous appeal. He noted that for snow removal violations, they do not knock on doors or notify residents.

Mayor Wiza said there is a cost involved with having the contractor go to a property.

Director Ostrowski said they are charged by the lineal foot.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to deny the appeal at 321 West Street.

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

#### **4. Request to keep a Common Marmoset Monkey – Diella Lake, 2424 Simonis Street.**

Diella Lake, 2424 Simonis Street, said she is seeking permission to own a Marmoset monkey that is approximately the size of a hand to keep inside her house. She said she has a veterinarian in Clintonville that will help with its health needs.

Ald. Jennings said Marmoset monkeys are native to the South American rainforests where they live in small groups and do not do well in captivity. She stated they are wild animals not domesticated pets. The alderperson encouraged the Committee to deny this request.

Nancy Roppe, 925 Smith Street, asked the Committee to deny this request due to animal welfare and public health concerns. She said Poggi's Animal House does have an USDA license; however, USDA inspections have not been able to be performed. Ms. Roppe said she contacted We Care Animal Hospital and was informed that the applicant needs to have experience with monkeys under constant supervision to properly train and care for it.

Mayor Wiza asked Ms. Lake who she talked to at the Animal Hospital.

Ms. Lake replied that she talked to the receptionist who checked with the veterinarian and was told that they have two veterinarians that can tend to the monkey.

Ms. Roppe stated the Animal Hospital said that Ms. Lake had called and asked if they have a veterinarian that would care for the monkey in which they do but that was all she asked.

Ald. McComb asked that the City Attorney address the insurance requirements.

Attorney Beveridge said an insurance policy was provided by the applicant which is the minimum in term of limits but it does satisfy them. He said he could not determine if it would specifically cover a Marmoset monkey by looking at the document.

Ald. McComb asked Ms. Lake if her insurance covers an exotic animal.

Ms. Lake said she is not sure about exotic animal coverage.

Ald. Johnson asked how Ms. Lake intends to care for the monkey 24 hours seven days a week.

Ms. Lake stated she has an illness that restricts her from leaving home very often.

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

Ald. McComb said Marmoset monkeys are highly social animals that live in family groups for their entire lives. She said our ordinance states that the health or well-being of the animal must not be endangered by the manner of keeping or confinement.

Ald. Johnson said the recommendation of the Public Protection Committee is forwarded to the Council next week Monday.

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

#### **5. Ordinance Amendment – Police Department and Regulations – Creation of Criminal Background Check Guidelines (Section 5.09 of the RMC).**

Attorney Beveridge said an audit was conducted and found the City had some deficiencies in its ordinance. He said the City's procedures are correct but the amendment will put the City back in compliance with State regulations.

Ald. Phillips asked if Item 4 of the ordinance includes all permits issued.

Attorney Beveridge stated only if it is requested by City staff.

Ald. Johnson asked when it would be used.

Attorney Beveridge said it is easier to write something that is flexible rather than to try to play what if. He said it will be used in the same way the City has been using them for a long time.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to amend the ordinance according to the language in the ordinance amendment.

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

#### **6. Adjournment.**

Adjournment at 7:47 p.m.