

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Monday, April 9, 2018 – 6:22 P.M.
Police Department, 933 Michigan Avenue**

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

Also

Present: City Attorney Beveridge; Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick; City Clerk Moe; Alderpersons Jennings, Shorr and Kneebone; Directors Schrader and Ostrowski; Chief Skibba; Chief Finn; Andrew Halverson; Amy Fairchild; Cory Lesperance; Trevor Roark; Gene Kemmeter – Portage County Gazette

**1. Appeal of service charge for property maintenance violations:
A. 601 Fourth Avenue.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to postpone this agenda item until next month.

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

**2. Request to Hold an Event/Street Closings:
A. Special Olympics State Summer Games – June 7-9, 2018. Closure of portions of Reserve Street (starting on June 6, 2018) and Illinois Avenue.
B. Gus Macker Basketball Tournament on Sept. 7-8, 2018. Requesting temporary closure of a section of Crosby Avenue.**

Chief Skibba said these are both annual events and strongly encouraged participation in the events.

Ald. Dugan **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the events and street closings for the Special Olympics State Summer Games and Gus Macker Basketball Tournament.

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

**3. License List:
A. New Operators (Bartenders) Licenses.
B. Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" License (Picnic): St. Stephen Parish, 1401 Clark Street, Stevens Point, for St. Stephen Family Fest on June 17, 2018 at 1335 Clark Street. Licensed operator on the premise: Gary Marquard (Beer and Wine).
C. "Class B" Combination Beer and Liquor License: Main Street Taps, Inc., for Main Street Taps at 956 Main Street, Stevens Point for license period beginning May 1, 2018.**

Cory Lesperance, President of Main Street Taps, Inc., said this will be a new restaurant catering towards young professionals in the community. He said there will also be weekend entertainment with bands and comedy shows.

Ald. Dugan **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the license list as stated.

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

4. Ordinance Amendment – Officials, Boards, Employees – Creation of Section 3.55, Bicycle-Pedestrian Street Safety Commission.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment as presented.

Ald. McComb said she believes establishing a commission will help accomplish green tier objectives and safe routes.

Ald. Dugan said there is a need for a more solid commission and she is happy to support it.

Ald. Jennings said there were several revisions to the ordinance which were reviewed by the City Attorney and City staff. She said the proposed ordinance is an effort at accountability and transparency.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Ave, thanked everyone for their work put into creating BPAC and this ordinance amendment. He said there were a number of barriers faced as an advisory committee which he discussed with the Mayor. Mr. Roark stressed if the City is serious about future bicycle and pedestrian plans then the time is right for BPAC to become a commission.

Ald. Oberstadt said she is impressed by the work completed by the BPAC and supports this ordinance amendment.

Ald. Phillips asked how much time will be involved in working with this new commission.

Director Ostrowski replied Associate Planner Kearns currently attends all of the meetings but as a commission it will most likely increase the work load.

Ald. Phillips said there are already plenty of streets and trails to ride on. He said only a handful of people ride bikes all year and he cannot see creating a commission that will take more staff time for these few people.

Ald. McComb asked why Ald. Phillips thinks more staff or more staff time will be needed.

Ald. Phillips replied the staff will be given more work because the committee will no longer be handling it.

Ald. Johnson said this is also about pedestrians as well as bicyclists.

Ald. Oberstadt said some individuals use bicycling and walking as their main form of transportation.

Ald. Kneebone said this may save staff time because it will be one group coordinating a lot of the work.

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

5. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 6:42 p.m.