

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Monday, May 14, 2018 – 7:40 P.M.
Police Department, 933 Michigan Avenue**

Present: Alderpersons: Oberstadt, Nebel, Kneebone, Dugan and Phillips

Also

Present: City Attorney Beveridge; Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick; City Clerk Moe; Alderpersons Jennings, Shorr, Johnson, Slowinski and McComb; Directors Schrader and Bedahn; Chief Skibba; Chief Finn; Trevor Roark; Casey Barton; Andrew Halverson; Amy Fairchild; Joe Bachman – Portage County Gazette

1. Appeals of service charge for property maintenance violations:

A. 601 Fourth Avenue.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to deny the appeal of service charge for 601 Fourth Avenue.

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

B. 701 Clayton Avenue.

Edgar Verkest, 701 Clayton Avenue, said he was out of town during the snowfall. He said family attempted to remove the snow but injuries and breakdowns prevented them from doing so. Mr. Verkest said by the time he was able to get someone there to help, the City had already removed the snow.

Ald. Nebel said she understands the appellant's situation; however, it does need to be taken care of.

Mr. Verkest said they tried but getting someone else to do it is not an easy task.

Ald. Nebel said the City needs to keep fairness and safety in mind for everyone.

Mr. Verkest asked if the City would forgo the \$25 charge.

Ald. Oberstadt said the fee structure is set up to cover the charge for snow removal and staff time.

Ald. Nebel said the charges are to cover the cost of the services not to punish the property owner.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to deny the appeal of service charge at 701 Clayton Avenue.

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

C. 2317 Dixon Street.

Lori Meurett, 2317 Dixon Street, said the original pictures with the fine showed their sidewalk as well as three neighbors' sidewalks that were not shoveled but she was the only one that was fined.

Ald. Dugan asked how she knows the others were not charged.

Ms. Meurett said when she arrived home from work her sidewalk was the only one shoveled. She noted they lived at this residence for 20 years and have never had an incident like this.

Mark Kordus, Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator, said their office received a complaint about two or three properties that did not remove snow from the sidewalk on Dixon Street.

Ald. Kneebone asked if the other properties were cited for not clearing their sidewalks.

Mr. Kordus said there were several other properties but he does not recall if they were the adjoining properties.

Ms. Meurett asked if she can find out who made the complaint.

City Attorney Beveridge said it can be requested if there are records available of who filed or called in the complaint. He stated after a complaint is received, City staff goes out to determine if there is a violation.

Ald. Dugan said the Committee needs to focus on if there was a violation at this specific property.

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

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

2. License List:

A. New Operators (Bartenders) Licenses.

B. Renewal Operator's Licenses.

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

i. Create Portage County, 1039 Ellis Street, Stevens Point, for Levitt AMP Stevens Point Music Series on May 31, June 7, 14, 21, July 5, 12, 19, 26 and August 2, 2018 at Pfiffner Park. Licensed operator on premise: Greg Wright. (Beer only)

ii. St. Joseph Parish, 1709 Wyatt Ave, Stevens Point, for St. Joseph Parish Picnic on June 1, 2 and 3, 2018 at 1709 Wyatt Ave. Licensed operators on premise: Dave Hansen and Al Bartlett. (Beer and Wine)

D. Amend Premise Description – Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" License (Picnic): St. Peter's Parish Picnic Committee, 800 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point for St. Peter's Parish Picnic on June 9 and 10, 2018 to also include the church basement also known as Kolbe Hall.

- E. "Class A" Liquor and Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License: Riiser Fuels, LLC, for R Store #25, 5485 Highway 10 E, Stevens Point; Laurie Whetzel, agent for license period beginning May 30, 2018.
- F. 2018-2019 Retail Alcohol Renewals.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve license list item 2. A. New Operators, B. Renewal Operators, C. Temporary Class B Licenses, D. Amend premise description, E. "Class A" Liquor and Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage, and F. 2018-2019 Retail Alcohol renewals.

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

3. Request to Hold an Event/Street Closings:

- A. Stevens Point Alliance, Inc. dba Downtown Point – Annual 4th of July Parade on July 4, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Request for closure of a sections of Main Street, Second Street and the Downtown Square and parking restrictions.
- B. Stevens Point Alliance, Inc. dba Downtown Point – Annual Discover Downtown event on July 21, 2018. Request for closure of a section of Main Street and parking restrictions.
- C. Stevens Point Alliance, Inc. dba Downtown Point – Annual Holiday Parade on November 16, 2018. Request for the street closure of the Downtown Square and sections of Main Street and Second Street.
- D. Bria Bella & Co. – Bria Bella & Co. Turns 1 event on June 1-2, 2018. Requesting the use of sidewalk and two parking spots in front of the store.
- E. North Point Pub LLC – Ride For Jase on July 14, 2018.

Chief Skibba stated the setup on the sidewalk for the Bria Bella & Co. event needs to be designed so that people can still pass through on the sidewalk.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the request to hold events and street closings for items 3. A. – E.

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

4. Ordinance Amendment – Maintenance and Occupancy – Creation of a Voluntary Rental Inspection Program (Section 21.11 of the RMC).

Mark Kordus, Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator, was available for questions.

Ald. Phillips asked if this is a good idea.

Mr. Kordus said he believes it is. He said numerous communities are struggling with how to deal with rental inspection programs.

Ald. Dugan said she is impressed with the thoroughness of this ordinance amendment.

Ald. Oberstadt said she is excited to see the option to use a privately licensed inspector.

Ald. Nebel said it has been difficult to figure out how to make sure people who rent are able to have safe places to live.

Ald. Johnson said she appreciates the ordinance amendment but hopes that there is a clear distinction made between those that are licensed and represent the City from those that are not.

Mr. Kordus said it is included in the ordinance amendment.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, approval of the creation of a Voluntary Rental Inspection Program.

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

5. Ordinance Amendment – Peace and Offenses – Add entries to the bond schedule for Social Host, Sexting, and Prostitution violations (Section 24.27 Exhibit A of the RMC).

City Attorney Beveridge said this is basically bookkeeping to insert the appropriate numbers.

Ald. Phillips asked how these numbers were arrived at.

City Attorney Beveridge said there is a formula that incorporates local court costs, jail improvement surcharge, etc.

Ald. Dugan **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment.

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

6. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 8:10 p.m.