

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
Monday, August 13, 2018 – 6:47 P.M.  
Police Department, 933 Michigan Avenue**

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

**Also**

**Present:** Mayor Wiza; City Attorney Beveridge; Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick; City Clerk Moe; Alderpersons Jennings, Johnson, McComb and Morrow; Directors Schrader, Ostrowski, Lemke and Beduhn; Chief Skibba; Wendy Dolan; Dan Farrell; Doug Lynch; Scott and Darcy Klinkert; Julie Birrenkott; Ray Przybelski; Dave Ladick; Brandi Makuski – Metro Wire

**1. Appeal of service charge for property maintenance violation: 3700 Lorraine St.**

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

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

**2. Request to keep animals: 318 Washington Avenue – Request to keep bees.**

Wendy Dolan, 318 Washington Ave, is requesting to keep three hives on her property to produce honey for personal use.

Mayor Wiza asked if Ms. Dolan talked with the surrounding neighbors and how they felt about the bees.

Ms. Dolan replied that she talked with most of the neighbors and no one objected to her keeping bees.

Mayor Wiza noted that property owners within 200 feet of the Dolan property were notified by the City.

Ald. Kneebone asked if there is screening between the bee hives and the neighbor's yard.

Ms. Dolan said there is a fence; however, the hives face away from the neighbor's yard.

Ald. Dugan asked how long Ms. Dolan had the bees.

Ms. Dolan replied on April 15 but with the snowstorm all the bees died. She said a second group of bees were purchased at the end of May.

Ald. Nebel asked if she checked into permits and if the neighbor right next to the bees is alright with them being kept there.

Ms. Dolan said she looked at the City's website to see if there was any information on bees and found none. She said she called the City and was told she did not need a

permit then months later she received a letter stating she needed a permit. She stated she talked directly to the neighbors about the bees.

Ald. Nebel asked if the bees are contained.

Ms. Dolan said they only live in one specific hive.

Ald. Dugan asked if the bees swarm.

Ms. Dolan said it has been known that bees can swarm but her bees have not.

Ald. Dugan asked how the City found out about the bees.

Clerk Moe said the Inspection Department contacted the Clerk's office to see if a permit was issued. He said the letter Ms. Dolan received from the City came from the Inspection Department.

Mayor Wiza said many communities have ordinances relating to beekeeping. He said the City looked at the possibility of having a bee ordinance but decided not to move forward as there were no applicants at the time. The Mayor suggested this be looked into again.

Ald. Phillips said he is against this request because it is dangerous to be keeping bees in the city.

Ald. Dugan said she would like more information from communities that have beekeeping ordinances.

Ald. Nebel said she would also like more information specifically on fencing.

Ms. Dolan said it is difficult for someone to wander into her yard as there are tall scrubs across the front yard, fencing, shed, wood piles and trees.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to postpone this request to a future meeting.

Mayor Wiza suggested adding temporary permission for the applicant to retain the bees until a decision is made.

Darcy Klinkert, 916 Sixth Ave, said twelve bees can produce about one teaspoon of honey. She asked if the owner considered moving the bees to the west side of the property because of the sunlight. Ms. Klinkert said she thought an eight foot fence would be better than the current fence.

Ald. Johnson supports beekeeping and standardizing an ordinance.

Attorney Beveridge stated plenty of large cities with denser populations allow beekeeping.

Mayor Wiza asked if any complaints were reported to the Police or any other city department.

Chief Skibba said he is not aware of any.

Director Ostrowski said there typically are not a lot of complaints about bees in the City. He said a standardized ordinance similar to the chicken ordinance would be beneficial.

Mayor Wiza recommended allowing Ms. Dolan to keep the bees until the Committee can make a decision.

Ald. Phillips asked where it is stated that they cannot have bees.

Mayor Wiza said our ordinance prohibits, without permission, animals that are kept primarily for food or fiber.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to amend the original motion to allow the applicant to keep bees and equipment until the body makes a decision on what perimeters are needed.

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

Ald. Jennings said this issue will most likely come up more frequently in the future as this is a growing movement to rehabilitate the honeybee population.

The following is the vote on the amended motion:

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

### **3. License List:**

#### **A. New Operators (Bartenders) Recommended Rejection – Dylan Enno.**

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the recommended rejection.

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

#### **B. New Operators (Bartenders) Licenses.**

#### **C. Renewal Operator's Licenses.**

**D. Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" License (Picnic): Kuby's Bar and Grill, 2408 Division Street, request for extension of licensed premise for a special event on September 29, 2018 to include a fenced area and tent outside the business.**

**E. Extension of Licensed Premise: Ultimate Mart LLC, P. O. Box 30513, Nashville, TN, request for extension of licensed premise to include exterior parking stalls specifically designated for the online merchandise order and pickup service and the pathway utilized to access the parking stalls at Copps #8132, 1500 Pinecrest Avenue.**

**F. "Class B" Combination Beer and Liquor License: Jupiter Hospitality, LLC, for The Hub at 1324 Second Street, Stevens Point for license period beginning August 21, 2018.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, approval of items 3. B. through 3. F.

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

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

**A. Stevens Point Brewery – Pointoberfest and Blubber Run – September 15, 2018.  
Request closure of sections of Water Street.**

Director Lemke noted that Bliss Avenue is scheduled to be closed that week but he is working with the event coordinator to make sure there is not a conflict.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the Stevens Point Brewery's request to hold an event and street closings for Pointoberfest.

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

**5. Adjournment.**

Adjournment at 7:21 p.m.