

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Monday, September 10, 2018 – 6:00 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, Slowinski and Morrow; Directors Schrader, Ostrowski, Lemke and Beduhn; Chief Skibba; Chief Finn; Keely Crook; Trevor Roark; Alan Hovorka – Journal; Joe Bachman – Gazette; Brandi Makuski – Metro Wire

1. License List:

A. New Operators (Bartenders) Licenses.

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

- i. St. Joseph's Parish, 1709 Wyatt Avenue, Stevens Point for St. Joseph's Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 1709 Wyatt Avenue. Licensed operator on premise: Dave Ligman (Beer only).
- ii. St. Peter Parish, 800 Fourth Avenue, Stevens Point for St. Peter Parish Indian Buffet Fundraiser on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 800 Fourth Avenue. Licensed operator on premise: Joe Niescior (Beer and Wine).
- iii. CREATE Portage County, P. O. Box 565, Stevens Point for Spectral Microcinema on October 4, 2018, December 6, 2018, February 7, 2019 and April 4, 2019 at 1039B Ellis Street. Licensed operator on premise: Greg Wright (Beer only).

C. Taxicab Company: Courtesy Carriers Inc., dba Courtesy Cab, 5622 County Road B, Stevens Point, WI; Kathleen Sankey, owner.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, approval of items 1. A. – C.

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

2. Downtown Square Fountain Safety and Water Jet Design.

Ald. Jennings said she is concerned about the safety issues and waste of water with the Downtown Square Fountain. She said that Director Schrader came up with several options for changes to the fountain.

Director Schrader outlined two different options for the center jet of the fountain. These options would use 35 to 45 gallons of water per minute compared to the current 90 gallons being used.

Ald. Phillips asked why it took so long to bring this safety issue forward.

Mayor Wiza provided background on the creation of the fountain. He said the pressure was reduced once the safety concerns were raised. The Mayor supports reducing or eliminating the amount of water usage for the fountain. He noted it costs approximately \$8,000 to run the fountain each year.

Ald. Oberstadt said she has not received any complaints from constituents about injuries from using the fountain; however, she has heard concerns from fellow alderpersons about people reporting injuries.

Ald. Kneebone supports reducing the water usage and increasing safety for a fairly minimal fee.

Ald. Nebel said it is beneficial for the City to keep the current water fountain with a new center jet until an alternative plan is in place.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, approval of changing the fountain jet design to Water Castle in a Can.

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

3. Ordinance Amendment – Creation of Chapter 35 Weights and Measures Program.

Director Ostrowski said the City currently contracts with the State of Wisconsin to perform inspections of weighing and measuring devices like scales and gas pumps to make sure they are accurate. He said the City pays for this entire cost. The Director said this proposed ordinance amendment is to allow the City to recoup those costs from the businesses that are being inspected.

Ald. Nebel asked if it is common with other municipalities to pass these costs on to the businesses.

Director Ostrowski said several communities charge the costs back to the businesses.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment – Creation of Chapter 35 Weights and Measures Program.

Ald. Morrow asked how much the businesses will be charged and how often they are inspected.

Director Ostrowski said it is an annual fee with the rate charged being the actual cost to administer the program. It would also depend on how many devices are at the establishment.

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

4. Ordinance Amendment – Building and Premises Maintenance and Occupancy – Notices for Repeat Offenses (Section 21.13(2) of the RMC).

Director Ostrowski said there are times when several notices are issued over a certain time period for the same violation at the same property. With that process, his department typically first sends a notice of violation without any service charge to allow the property owner to correct the violation. If the violation is not corrected, then another notice is sent with a service charge. He said there are times that this process

occurs several times a year for the same property which takes up a significant amount of staff time. The Director said with this proposal, if a property is given a notice of violation and the same violation occurs within six months of the previous violation, they would be charged a service fee on the subsequent notice.

Ald. Phillips asked how six months was determined.

Director Ostrowski said it is six months from the last violation date because it is a reasonable amount of time per season.

Ald. Nebel said she agrees with the six month timeframe.

Ald. Dugan **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve this amendment for repeat offenses.

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

5. Ordinance Amendment – Building and Premises Maintenance and Occupancy – Creation of a Rental Registration Program (Section 21.10 of the RMC).

Director Ostrowski said the goal is to create a better connection with the property owners to reduce the amount of time to correct issues. He said he is also looking into the possibility of property owners signing up for electronic notification.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, approval of the Ordinance Amendment - Creation of a Rental Registration Program.

Ald. Slowinski said there should not be a fee for registering online.

Director Ostrowski said it is currently free for online submission.

Ald. Kneebone said it is not unreasonable to pay a small fee for online registration.

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

6. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 6:22 p.m.