

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Monday, March 11, 2019 – 6:18 P.M.  
Police Department, 933 Michigan Avenue**

**Present:** Ald. Nebel, Oberstadt, Kneebone, Dugan, Phillips.

**Also**

**Present:** Mayor Wiza; City Clerk Piotrowski; Attorney Beveridge; C/T Ladick; Deputy C/T Freeberg; Alderpersons Jennings, Shorr, Johnson, Slowinski, McComb, and Morrow; Directors Schrader, Beduhn, and Ostrowski; Chief Finn; Police Chief Skibba; Brian Beaulieu; Susan Becker; Brandi Makuski – Metro Wire.

**Discussion and Possible Action on the Following:**

**1. License List:**

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

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve the license list.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

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

**A. Create Portage County, PO Box 565, Stevens Point for Spectral Microcinema Film Fest April 5, 2019 at 1039B Ellis St. Licensed operator on premise: Greg Wright (Beer Only).**

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the temporary Class "B" license for Create Portage County.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

**3. Change of Agent:**

- A. Joe's Bar, 831 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI; Sean Stroik, 3015 Della St., Stevens Point, WI, replacing Chad Bielen.**
- B. Schierl Sales Corporation, 2201 Madison St, Stevens Point, WI; Sean Quirk, 232 Prentice St N Stevens Point, WI agent at The Store #51, 708 Division St, Stevens Point, replacing Melissa Koch.**
- C. Schierl Sales Corporation, 2201 Madison St, Stevens Point, WI; Kathryn Heibler, 1725 Reserve St., Stevens Point, WI agent at The Store, 201 W Clark St, replacing Britney Miller.**

Ald. Nebel asked the Police Department if they have any issues with any of the change agents.

Chief Skibba replied no.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve all of the change of agents.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

**4. Pawnbroker/Second Hand Jewelry Dealer:**

**A. Brody Designs, 1525 Main Street, Stevens Point, Brody Rice, owner.**

Ald. Nebel said Brody Designs has done a very nice job with the property and said it is a nice transition into the downtown.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the Pawnbroker/Second Hand Jewelry Dealer for Brody Designs.

Ald. Phillips asked how pawnbroker falls into play with second hand jeweler.

Mayor Wiza said pawnbroker gives them ability to purchase used jewelry.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

**5. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.**

**A. Rick's Run, Walk and Roll August 24, 2019 (New Event).**

**B. Trivia Parade April 12, 2019 (Recurring Event).**

**C. Reeder's Ruck May 4, 2019 (Recurring).**

Chief Skibba said the new event is using the Turkey Trot route which works well and said he is looking forward to the event.

Ald. Dugan asked what the smaller tents or temporary structures are that the new event will be utilizing.

Susan Becker, Wisconsin Rapids, said structures would be tents to put refreshments underneath in case of rain.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the request to hold events and street closings for Rick's Run, Walk and Roll, the Trivia Parade, and Reeder's Ruck.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

**6. Bee Keeping Licensing.**

Ald. Oberstadt thanked Ald. Kneebone for all of her hard work with the bee keeping licensing.

Ald. Dugan **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the bee keeping licensing.

Ald. Dugan suggested to change "Neighborhood Services Officer" to "Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator".

Ald. Kneebone said Ald. McComb had a good suggestion when she said the Committee is overthinking this. She said this is the same as the chicken process and the

same application. Ald. Kneebone said if any of the neighbors have concerns they can come before the committee and have their concerns heard.

Ald. Phillips asked how a permit can be denied if there is an ordinance in place.

Ald. Kneebone said the committee can revoke the permit.

Ald. Oberstadt said these are just the parameters if they want to get a permit to keep bees. She said there is no ordinance for the keeping of bees.

Ald. Phillips asked why it is 3 feet and not 10 feet from the property line.

Ald. Kneebone said there is a 10 foot clearance from the sidewalk and the property line. She said there has to be a 25 foot clearance from an adjoining building.

Ald. Phillips said he is concerned if someone is cutting their lawn and disturbs the hives.

Ald. Kneebone said honeybees are not aggressive and said she does not see it being an issue unless you physically go up and disturb the hive.

Ald. Phillips said he thought the \$10 fee for the permit was not enough due to the enforcement officer having to go and check the hive.

Ald. Kneebone said the enforcement officer does not have to out and check before they can get a permit. She said she used the same fee as chicken licenses. Ald. Kneebone said if someone is in violation they would receive a letter just like anyone else.

Ald. Phillips asked how the City would know if someone is or is not in violation.

Ald. Kneebone said if the improvement coordinator wanted to verify after the permit has been issued they could. She said if a neighbor complained the improvement coordinator could go out and look at it.

Ald. Phillips said there is a cost to that.

Ald. Kneebone said the cost is like anything else, if they do not fix the violation there is a cost involved.

Ald. Phillips asked Ald. Kneebone to elaborate on the fly away barrier.

Ald. Kneebone said the fly away zone is when the owner puts up a fence, wall, or net, etc. so when the bees come out it is an extra barrier to a neighbor that may be allergic. She said this allows the bees to disperse up and away rather than at a lower level. Ald. Kneebone said beekeepers recommend having the fly away area.

Ald. Phillips asked if this is all within three feet.

Ald. Kneebone said it depends on where the barrier comes out from the hive.

Ald. Phillips said the distance is probably more like six feet rather than three feet.

Ald. Kneebone said the bee keeper would have to take that all into consideration before putting the hives in. She said if they cannot meet the perimeter they cannot get a permit and cannot have the hives.

Ald. Oberstadt said they are not saying the hives have to be three feet from the property line, they just cannot be any closer than three feet.

Ald. Phillips said he thought it should be 10 feet. He asked if the bees can be moved anywhere in the City.

Ald. Kneebone said there are companies that do move pollinators around. She said hobby beekeepers will not move them.

Ald. Phillips confirmed that the address they list on the application is the address of where the bees have to be kept and if they move them to another location then it would another \$10.

Ald. Kneebone replied yes.

Ald. Phillips said the cost of the permit should be raised to \$50.

Ald. Kneebone said the chicken permit should be raised to \$50 as well because it is in the same category and they should not charge more for one. She said this can be open to question and if people think it should be more the committee can make it more.

Ald. Nebel said as they go through the process they can learn more about it and see how much extra work there is and cost to it.

Ald. Kneebone said she does not suspect that a lot of people will do this because of the cost and labor involved with beekeeping.

Call for the vote: ayes, majority; nays, minority; motion carried.

## **7. Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 6:32 p.m.