

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Public Protection Committee

Monday, October 12, 2009, 8:33 p.m.

Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St.

Present: Alderpersons: Stroik, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Brooks.

Absent: Alderperson Wiza.

Also Present: Clerk Moe; City Attorney Molepske; Alderpersons: Molski and M. Stroik; Director Morris; Police Chief Ruder; Kelly Pazdernik; Kathleen Sankey; Bruce Fletcher; Jeff Bintz; Brian Schleif Jr.; Gene Kemmeter (Gazette).

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1. Discussion and Possible Action on the Recommendations on the License List:

A. New Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.

Ald. Brooks moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the 49 New Operator's Licenses.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

B. Recommended Operator's Rejections.

Jeffrey Johnson was not present.

Brian Schleif Jr. said that he is currently employed at the R-Store working the night shift. He was arrested for OWI in May. Although he will be working with others that are licensed, it is company policy that all their workers be licensed. He said this is the only job he has and asked the Committee to approve his license.

Chief Ruder cited the conditions set by the Council to hold a license and asked that they stay consistent. He noted that Mr. Johnson was convicted of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

Ald. Brooks moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to reject the Operator license for Jeffrey Johnson and Brian Schleif Jr.

Ald. Brooks wants the City's conditions reviewed to see if there should be any changes.

Ald. Stroik noted that applicants are made aware of the conditions to hold a license. The two applicants were informed that the recommendation from the Police Department would be to deny their license requests based on their record. The applicants however wanted to appeal their case to the Council.

City Attorney Molepske explained that the conditions were set to ensure equal protection under the law.

Call of the Vote: Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

C. Wholesale Beer License - Lift Bridge Brewing Technologies, LLC, 1906 Greeley Street, Stillwater, MN; Daniel J. Schwarz, 1024 Legend Blvd., Stillwater, MN; agent at the Stevens Point Brewery, (contract brewing).

D. Taxicab Companies - Courtesy Carriers, Inc., dba Courtesy Cab and Plover Taxi, 5622 County Road B, Stevens Point, WI; Kathleen Sankey, owner.

E. Taxicab Driver's Licenses.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the Wholesale Beer License for Lift Bridge Brewing Technologies, the Taxicab Company License for Courtesy Carriers, Inc., dba Courtesy Cab and Plover Taxi, and the renewal of the 16 Taxicab Driver's.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

F. Recommended Taxicab Driver's Rejections.

Jeffrey Bintz said he knows the Committee has a job to do and ordinances to follow but asked them to allow him a license. Mr. Bintz said he has some things in his past but he has fulfilled his obligations as required by the law. He feels that he has paid his debt to society and since then he has been a good citizen. He likes his job and it is the only one he has. He asked the Committee to reconsider the recommended rejection.

Chief Ruder reviewed the City ordinance and Mr. Bintz's record which includes burglary, arson, and exposing his genitals to a child. His most recent confinement in prison was for three years in 1996. He was released in April of 1998.

Ald. Brooks asked why this is a renewal.

Chief Ruder noted that a mistake was made with the past background check and he is correcting the situation.

Brandon Soyka was not in attendance.

Ald. Trzebiatowski noted that Mr. Soyka does not currently have a driver's license due to a failure to pay a fine. He said Mr. Soyka had told him that he was going to take care of the fine. He asked the Police Department if the situation had been rectified.

Chief Ruder said it had not.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, to reject both applications of Jeffrey Bintz and Brandon Soyka.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

2. Ordinance Amendment - 12.23 Taxicab Driver.

Withdrawn for further review.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on the Monthly Inspection Report:

A. Construction Starts.

B. Violations.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to approve the Monthly Inspection Report and to place it on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

4. Adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

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