

Meeting Minutes
Public Protection Committee
Monday, October 13, 2008
Lincoln Center, 1519 Water Street

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

Also Present: Mayor Halverson; Clerk Moe; C/T Schlice; City Attorney Molepske; Alderpersons: Hanson, Wiza, Molski, and Moore; Chief Morris; Deputy Chief Dowling; Chief Zinda; Director Gardner; Director Schrader; Director Euclide; Assessor Siebers; Jason Mattison; Dave Olson; Mary Ann Laszewski; Cathy Sankey; Meredith Thorn (Journal); Gene Kemmeter (Gazette).

Ald. Slowinski announced that the Wisconsin Railroad Commissioner will hold a listening session this Thursday in the County Annex Building room #5 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Anyone who wishes to discuss issues regarding the railroad is welcome to attend. He thanked the Mayor and the City Clerk for their assistance in scheduling the meeting.

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3. Adjournment.

1. Recommendation on license lists:

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

B. Request for Class "A" Beer License: Point Petroleum LLC, 232 W Clark Street, Stevens Point, WI; Sharon A. Slayton, Agent, at West Side Mobil, 232 W Clark Street, Stevens Point, WI. (transfer from Riiser Oil Company, Inc.)

C. Request for Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine License: Chen Chen Liu, 1001 William Street, Stevens Point, WI at Matsu Ya Sushi & Grill, 5725 Windy Drive, Suite A, Stevens Point, WI.

Ald. Brooks moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the 54 New Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses; the request for Class "A" Beer License for Point Petroleum LLC, 232 W Clark Street; Sharon A. Slayton, Agent, at West Side Mobil, 232 W Clark Street. (transfer from Riiser Oil Company, Inc.); and the request for Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine License for Chen Chen Liu, 1001 William Street, at Matsu Ya Sushi & Grill, 5725 Windy Drive, Suite A. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

D. Taxicab Company License: Stevens Point Cab Company, 401 Weir Boulevard, Stevens Point, WI. Jason Mattison, Owner, 401 Weir Boulevard, Stevens Point, WI.

Jason Mattison stated that he is starting this cab company for the Stevens Point area and the bars. The company will be open all night long. He would be competition for Courtesy Cab.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked how business is going.

Jason Mattison replied that it was decent.

Ald. Trzebiatowski noted that he cannot operate until his license is approved.

Jason Mattison said that he was not aware of that when he started out. His number was out there and people started calling.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Heart seconded, to approve the request for a Taxicab Company License for Stevens Point Cab Company, 401 Weir Boulevard, Stevens Point, WI. Jason Mattison, Owner. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

E. Taxicab Driver License: Winkler, Jr., Michael Wayne, 1228 Second Street, Apt. C, Stevens Point, WI.

Ald. Stroik asked the Police Department if they had any issues with the applicant.

Deputy Chief Dowling stated that there is no basis for denial from the Police Department's standpoint.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, to approve the request Taxicab Driver License: Winkler, Jr., Michael Wayne, 1228 Second Street, Apt. C.

Cathy Sankey said her comments are not about the particular driver. Courtesy Cab has operated a reputable business in the area for 16 years. She raised concerns about the other company. Mr. Mattison is a former employee and she said there is a reason why he does not work for her anymore.

Ald. Stroik asked City Attorney Molepske if the committee could hear her testimony or if it would have to wait until next week's Common Council meeting.

City Attorney Molepske said that it can be taken up now, there could be a motion to reconsider or it could wait until Council.

Ald. Stroik and Ald. Brooks withdrew their motion.

Ald. Stroik asked if anyone would like to reconsider action on item D.

Ald. Brooks moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to reopen the discussion on the Taxi Cab Company License that was just approved to Jason Mattison. Ayes, 4; nays, 1: motion carried.

Mr. Mattison denied the allegations.

Ms. Sankey relayed her specific concerns to the Committee members.

Mr. Mattison again denied the allegations. He said he started the company because there is a need for 24 hour service.

Ald. Stroik asked Deputy Chief Dowling if the Police Department found any issues with this applicant or issuing the license.

Deputy Chief Dowling said the ordinance sets the criteria for licensing and he meets the criteria.

Ald. Slowinski asked if this is an annual license.

City Attorney Molepske said it is an annual license and there is a process to revoke a license if necessary.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, to approve the Taxicab Company License for Jason Mattison. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

Ald. Stroik called for a vote on his motion made and seconded by Ald. Brooks to grant Michael Wayne Winkler Jr. a Taxicab Driver License. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

2. Recommendation of the Monthly Inspection Report:

A. Construction Starts.

B. Violations.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, to place the Monthly Inspection Report on file. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

3. Adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

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