

Meeting Minutes

Public Protection Committee

Monday, June 12, 2006, 6:00 P.M.

City Water Department, 300 Bliss Avenue

Present: Ald. Sevenich, Barber, Robinson, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski (6:03 p.m.)

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice, Clerk Moe, Alderpersons Hanson, Molski, Stroik, Moore, Wiza, Chief Morris, Capt. Ruder, Director Gardner, Director Schrader, Director Euclide, Personnel Specialist Jakusz, Elbert Rackow, Reid Rocheleau, Joe Roppe, Kari Kussow, Bob Kussow, Pete Ananiadis, Nancy Schultz, Dean Dietrich, Jami Gebert, Kevin Lemke, Gene Kemmeter (Gazette), Heather Clark (Journal)

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- E. "Class B" Combination Licenses.
- F. Change from an individual to LLC of a "Class B" Combination License.
- G. Request for license premise description change/extension of premises.

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Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Barber seconded, approval of the New Operator's, Renewal Operator's, and Manager's license lists. Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, approval of the renewal of "Class A" liquor and Class "A" Fermented license list, "Class B" Combination license list, Change from an individual to an LLC of a "Class B" combination license, and requests for extension of premises for Pete's Sports Bar and Grill and Hospitality Group of Central Wisconsin, LLC. Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

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Individual withdrew his request.

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- Kari Kussow stated they were planning an old fashioned neighborhood Fourth of July Parade with a potluck to follow. They would like to barricade off the streets for a small children's parade. They would start at the south entrance of the park and go around to the north entrance.

Capt. Ruder said that the Police Department did not have a problem with this request.

Jami Gebert, Association of Downtown Businesses, referred their letter requesting approval to hold the annual Corn on the Curb.

Ald. Sevenich requested that if a tent was used they repair the holes in the blacktop.

Jami Gebert stated that they did not plan to use tents but if they did she agreed to repair the blacktop.

Susan Wilcox, United Way of Portage County, was there to answer any questions.

Ald. Robinson moved, Ald. Barber seconded, approval of the special events and their street closings. Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Request to use firearms and live trapping for the deer culling program.

Elbert Rackow, Chair of the Deer Management Committee, stated the committee was requesting the approval of the addition of firearms and live trapping to the already approved method of using archery for culling deer in the City. He said the deer have become wary of the archers and it has become increasingly harder for the archers to approach them. They would like the option to use firearms in selected places and live trapping in other places where there is dense population.

He said they would like to continue culling deer to prevent a rebound in the deer population in the City and they would like the option of getting quotes for the three options of culling deer. He said if the Council approves their request they would then proceed to get quotes and see which fits their budget.

Ald. Sevenich noted that the Police and Fire Commission approved their request.

Ald. Trzebiatowski stated he is also on the Deer Management Committee and that there were extensive talks on the matter which included the Police Chief. The use of firearms will be in very restricted areas and the Police Chief and Director of Public Works would have to sign off on it. It would be very controlled and only used in selected places identified. With the live trapping, if we wish to continue making the deer available to the public the only way to dispatch the deer would probably be through the use of firearms. He said if we use euthanasia, the chemicals used would make the deer not consumable.

Ald. Robinson asked where the culling would take place and what were the qualifications for training and insurance.

Chief Morris gave examples such as southeast of Hwy. HH and behind Bernard's.

Elbert Rackow said that they would need a \$1 million policy with the City named as additional insured and as part of the application process they would need to list their experience and training.

Reid Rocheleau raised concern that the vendors may focus on filling their quotes rather than addressing the problem. He also felt that using bait would draw deer in from outside the area.

Mike Phillips, member of the Deer Management Committee, stated the Committee's intention was not to go outside of I-39 east, HH to the south, and the Wisconsin River to the west.

Ald. Wiza asked if the Deer Management Committee was asking for approval to use firearms and live trapping or approval to obtain quotes.

Ald. Sevenich stated that they were seeking approval to use firearms and live trapping.

Ald. Wiza felt they should get the quotes first and then proceed with their options. He also had spoken with people in other communities that used firearms who were walking in the park and came across a sniper. He has great concern over using firearms in the City.

Ald. Robinson moved to allow the Deer Management Committee to obtain quotes and then return to the Council for consideration. The Council would have final approval over the vendor and the geographical region with the concurrence from the Police Chief and Director of Public Works. Due to a lack of a second, motion failed.

Ald. Trzebiatowski stated there was a lot of discussion over the topic of using firearms in the City. This is something they take very seriously and they want to make sure it is done right, that it is done safely, and that there is no risk to the public.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, approval of the use of firearms and live trapping for deer culling.

Ald. Barber reflected on his own experience as one that was hired to cull deer for the Village of Plover and stated that people were always around. He felt the selection of hunting sites is very important and that they should get the permission of neighboring property owners to use their land if needed to track a deer. He also felt that for safety, using firearms should be limited to when there was snow on the ground so it would be easier to hunt and track if needed.

Ald. Barber moved to amend the motion to allow the use of firearms only when there was snow on the ground.

Ald. Trzebiatowski would not accept the amendment.

Chief Morris stated the effort would focus on unpopulated areas and the City would work with the DNR to find the bedding area and remove those deer causing us problems.

Ald. Wiza said the City cannot guarantee that no one would get hurt. He noted that every year there are people who are accidentally shot, and they are wearing blaze orange at the time and know that there were others out there shooting. He felt they really need to be cautious about doing this.

Mike Phillips said that most accredited contractors for culling deer prefer snow and want to do it around January when overall hunting conditions are better. The committee will go with archery if possible, they do not want to use firearms if they do not have to, but they do want to be flexible in case the contractors decide that firearms are more economical.

Ald. Sevenich asked if the use of firearms would be the method of last resort.

Mike Phillips replied yes. As for fatalities, in all the articles that he has read on municipalities who cull deer, he has yet to come across an accident.

Ald. Moore asked that the motion be read again and if it was amended.

Ald. Sevenich said it was not amended.

Ald. Trzebiatowski read the motion.

Ald. Robinson asked if we approved the use of firearms and live trapping does the Council get to approve the vendor selection.

Ald. Sevenich stated the motion would go to the Council on Monday, if approved, after they get quotes it would go to the Finance Committee and then back to the Council.

Call of the vote: Ayes, Trzebiatowski, Sevenich; nays, Barber, Robinson, Slowinski. Motion failed.

Capt. Ruder asked to make a brief statement to the Committee. He stated the Department over the last couple of weeks solved a burglary that involved arresting a number youth who are involved with gang type graffiti in the downtown area. The arrest also uncovered some drug activity. Earlier this year the Department solved some daytime burglaries, some going back five to eight years. In each case the Department develops an

analysis of the perpetrators. They are also working with patrol and the investigation bureau in developing a violation of the month where the Department focuses their efforts on specific activities. Last month was seatbelt enforcement. For June, the Department is focusing of nuisance abatement such as loud car stereo complaints and curfew violations.

5. Recommendation of the May 2006 Inspection Report:

A. Construction Starts.

B. Violations.

Ald. Robinson moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, approval of the Inspection Report for May 2006. Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

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