

Meeting Minutes

Public Protection Committee

Monday, May 9, 2005 - 6:00 P.M.

City Water Department - 300 Bliss Avenue Present: Ald. Stroik, Barber, Trzebiatowski, Hanson.

Excused: Ald. Sevenich

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice, Ald. Molski, Barr, Moore, Wiza, Robinson, Walther, Chief Morris, Capt. Dowling, Clerk Moe, Director Schrader, Director Euclide, Deputy Chief Engebretson, Peggy Rentz, Adm. Asst. Ostrowski, Jami Gebert, Sara Brish, Reid Rocheleau, Colton Kaminski, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Kelly McBride (Journal)

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Supplemental List

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, approval of the license list and the supplemental license list. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

2. Recommendation on 2005-2006 Renewal License list - beer and liquor.

Ald. Barber moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, recommendation of renewal of licenses. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

3. Request to hold Walk Wisconsin event on June 4, 2005.

Sara Brish, Marketing Director for the Convention and Visitors Bureau/Walk Wisconsin Planning Committee, stated their request to close Crosby Avenue and for assistance with traffic control.

Ald. Stroik asked if the Police Department had any questions or issues regarding the request to close Crosby Ave.

Capt. Dowling stated that he thought it was appropriate.

Ald. Barber moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the Walk Wisconsin event on June 4, 2005. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

4. Request to close Main Street from Strongs Avenue to the Market Square, on Thursday, July 14, 2005, for Summer in the City celebration.

Jami Gebert, Main Street Manager, said that it may become a multi-day event, but for right now they were positive that it is going to be that day, so they would like to move forward with their planning to have the street closed. It would include entertainment this year at night so they are asking that it be closed until 9:00 P.M.

Ald. Stroik asked Capt. Dowling if there would be any concerns with the closure.

Capt. Dowling said it shouldn't be a problem.

Ald. Hanson moved, Ald. Barber seconded, to close Main street from Strongs Avenue to the Market Square on Thursday, July 14, 2005, for the Summer in the City celebration. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

5. Request to raise a miniature horse - 3109 Prais Street.

Ald. Barber asked where the horse is now.

Colton Kaminski said that it was in Bloomington, MN.

Ald. Stroik asked if he owned the horse.

Mr. Kaminski responded yes.

Ald. Trzebiatowski raised concerns with the size of yard, ventilation, storage of feed, hay and straw.

Mr. Kaminski said that the horse is in a smaller paddock now. He believes there is ventilation in the building and he could section off part of the building or use the garage for storage.

Ald. Molski said the city has an ordinance dealing with this sort of animal and she felt that we would be setting a precedent by approving this. She also raised concern for the neighboring house that is for sale, stating that having a horse next door would cause difficulty in their ability to sell it.

In response, Mr. Kaminski stated that the horse is a certified therapy horse and the neighbors he talked to are enthusiastic about the horse.

Ald. Trzebiatowski stated that he had concerns for other property owners in this area. The superintendent of the cemetery said he is not overly in favor of the horse.

Mr. Kaminski replied he only talked to people in the immediate vicinity.

Reid Rocheleau stated that Stevens Point needs to look at how other cities handle this and that the city should take these types of issues on a case by case basis. The city could issue a conditional use for this.

Ald. Stroik noted that the city does have the option to grant a conditional use permit.

Ald. Wiza said that he talked with a horse owner who stated a problem could be the urine of the horse. He then asked if the owner had any therapeutic uses lined up. He continued, saying that the city could consider granting a 3-month permit over the summer.

Mr. Kaminski responded saying that he does not have anything lined up because he does not have the horse here. He said that he understands the concern about the urine but it has not been a problem.

Ald. Molski asked if he has considered boarding the horse. The alderperson also raised a concern over junk in the yard.

Mr. Kaminski said that he could not afford to board the horse. He assured the committee the junk in the yard would be cleaned up.

Ald. Wiza stated because the yard is a mess does say a lot for the potential owner's responsibility and the committee should take that into consideration.

Ald. Stroik asked about shots, immunizations and exercise for the animal and if he owned the property.

Mr. Kaminski said yes, he would provide immunizations for the horse. He said the horse would be exercised on city streets and the Green Circle. Mr. Kaminski's mother is the owner of the property.

Reid Rocheleau said if the request is denied because there is some junk along the garage without any pictures then Mr. Rocheleau will keep the Public Protection Committee busy with some houses in the city with real junk problems.

Ald. Barber noted there are pictures in response to Mr. Rocheleau's statement.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Barber seconded, to deny the request for a permit. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

Ald. Stroik stated to Mr. Kaminski that his request will go before the full Council on Monday, May 16, 2005.

6. Recommendation of the April 2005 Inspection Report:

A. Construction Starts.

B. Violations.

Ald. Barber moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, approval of the Inspection Report. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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