

Meeting Minutes

Public Protection Committee Minutes

Monday, January 12, 2004 - 6:00 P.M.

City Water Department - 300 Bliss Avenue Present: Chairman Phillips, Alderpersons Sevenich, Seiser, Sowieja, Stroik

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, City Attorney Molepske, Clerk Zdroik,

Directors Euclide, Gardner, Schrader; Alderpersons Walther, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Moore; Fire Chief Barnes, Police Captain McCulley,

Administrative Services Manager Halverson, Street Superintendent Krieski, Mayoral Assistant Gebert, Kate Garsombke

(Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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December 2003 Report.

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6. Adjournment.

1. Recommendation on License list.

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

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, to approve the New Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

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Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to approve the Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's Licenses for the Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools/Pacelli Athletics, St. Joseph's Congregation, and the Wisconsin Ducks Unlimited, Inc., as outlined above.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

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Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Request to hold Point Bock Run on Saturday, March 6, 2004, starting at noon.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the request to hold Point Bock Run on Saturday, March 6, 2004, starting at noon.

Police Captain McCulley reminded the event organizers of the need to have volunteers along the route and to contact Police Lieutenant Eggleston for the use of the Police Department's orange vests. The Captain said the Police Department does not have a problem closing a portion of West River Drive between Hwy. HH and Maple Ridge Drive for 45 minutes during the event.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Request to raise rabbits, ducks and bantees - 2149 Rice Street.

Leroy Cordy, 2157 Rice Street, said he lives east of the subject property. Jeff Haessly, the requestor, has lived in this location the last six years. Mr. Cordy said Mr. Haessly is a good neighbor and he never had problems or complaints with the way he keeps and maintains his animals. Mr. Cordy added that he checked with the neighbor to the west, Sheila Cholewinski and she has no problem either with Mr. Haessly keeping the animals.

Jeff Haessly, 2149 Rice Street, noted that he has nine ducks, four bantees and five rabbits, all in pens and not loose.

Director Gardner informed the Committee that a representative of the Humane Society visited the site and found that the animals are well cared for.

Ald. Seiser stated at the present time the City requires license for dogs and cats only. Since the City is getting a lot of requests similar to this one, the City should consider having licenses for these animals too.

Ald. Sevenich reported that she was at 2149 Rice Street some time between 4:30 and 4:45 P.M. today. She noticed that the front of the cages have tarp stapled down. She is concerned that there are no wood doors for better protection of the animals.

Mr. Haessly said it is okay with the Humane Society and he has no problems opening the doors.

Ald. Sowieja asked if Mr. Haessly's operation can be reviewed after a year.

Ald. Seiser said the Committee has the right to review all requests similar to this one, if there are complaints. She does not see the need of reviewing the request as being part of the motion.

Ald. Stroik asked how this request came about since the cages and animals are already there?

Director Gardner said his office received a phone call about the animals. His office did the inspection and initiated the request for Mr. Haessly to come before the Public Protection Committee. Director Gardner's office also initiated the telephone call to the Humane Society to check Mr. Haessly's operation.

Ald. Sowieja asked if this is going over and above what the ordinance states as far as keeping ducks and bantees?

Director Gardner said this request came up because of the ordinance and requests are treated on a case by case basis.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, to approve the request of Jeff Haessly, 2149 Rice Street, to raise five rabbits, nine ducks, and four bantees (3 hens and 1 rooster) until December 31, 2004.

Ald. Stroik asked if these animals are raised just for pets?

Mr. Haessly said yes.

Ald. Stroik does not feel the City is a place for these animals.

Ayes: Chairman Phillips, Alderpersons Sevenich, Seiser.

Nays: Alderpersons Sowieja, Stroik.

Motion carried.

4. Request to cull deer on private property in Stevens Point.

This item was pulled from the agenda. Chairman Phillips said there is no need to hunt on private property at this time.

5. Recommendation on Inspection Reports:

December 2003 Report.

Year-end Report.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, to approve the December 2003 Inspection Report and the Year-end Report, and place them on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment - 6:15 P.M.

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