

Meeting Minutes

Public Protection Committee Minutes

Monday, February 9, 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, Clerk Zdroik, Directors Euclide, Gardner, Schrader; Interim Director Halverson, Alderpersons Walther, Markham, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Moore; Fire Chief Barnes, Police Captain McCulley, Street Superintendent Krieski, Mayoral Assistant Gebert, Kate Garsombke (Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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C. Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License:

(1) St. Peter's Holy Name Society, 708 First Street, Stevens Point, WI, annual dance on Sunday, April 25, 2004, from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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A. Annual concert at the Brewery Park on Saturday, June 12, 2004, starting at 6:00 A.M. through 6:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 13, 2004.

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7. Adjournment.

1. Recommendation on License list.

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

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

B. Rejections:

(1) Nicholas T. Hutchison - 1516 W. River Drive, Stevens Point, was notified of the meeting but did not appear.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, to deny the Operator (Bartender's) license application of Nicholas T. Hutchison.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

(2) Kyle W. Kidder - 1909 Church Street, Apt. B, Stevens Point, was present.

Ald. Seiser asked to be recused on this agenda item.

Mr. Kidder said he is here tonight to appeal his rejection so he can get a promotion at work.

Nora Wienandt, manager, Stevens Point Area Co-op, said she is Mr. Kidder's boss. He has worked at the Co-op for almost three years on a part time basis, he is trustworthy, reliable, a member of the Board of Directors of the Stevens Point Area Co-op, and a full time student. Ms. Wienandt went on to say that she is here tonight to find out when Mr. Kidder can reapply if his Operator (bartender's) license application is rejected tonight.

Chairman Phillips said five years from the date of conviction.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Chairman Phillips seconded, to deny the Operator (Bartender's) license application of Kyle W. Kidder and that he can reapply five years from the conviction date of May 2000, as provided in the Operator (Bartender's) application guidelines set by the Committee.

Ayes: Chairman Phillips, Alderpersons Sevenich, Sowieja, Stroik

Abstained: Ald. Seiser

Nays: None. Motion carried.

C. Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License

(1) St. Peter's Holy Name Society, 708 First Street, Stevens Point, WI, annual dance on Sunday, April 25, 2004, from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for approval of the Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for St. Peter's Holy Name Society's annual dance on Sunday, April 25, 2004, from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Request to close a portion of Water Street between Francis Street and Matilda Street for:

A. Annual concert at the Brewery Park on Saturday, June 12, 2004, starting at 6:00 A.M. through 6:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 13, 2004.

Ald. Stroik moved, Chairman Phillips seconded, for approval of the request to close a portion of Water Street between Francis Street and Matilda Street for the Annual Concert at the Brewery Park on Saturday, June 12, 2004, starting at 6:00 A.M. through 6:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 13, 2004.

Police Captain McCulley said the Police Department has been in contact with the event organizer regarding the road closing. The event organizer will be hiring four contractual police officers for that evening because of the expected 4000 attendees for the event.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

B. Brews, Brats and Bands on Friday, August 20, 2004, from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and Saturday, August 21, 2004, from 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to approve the closing of a portion of Water Street between Francis Street and Matilda Street, for the Brews, Brats and Bands on Friday, August 20, 2004, from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and on Saturday, August 21, 2004, from 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Art Oksuita, Director of Operations, Stevens Point Brewery, said this is the same event as the last eleven years. As in the previous years, there will be contractual police officers for this event.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Request to extend the Stevens Point Brewery's Class "B" Beer premises to cover the above events.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, to approve the extension of the Stevens Point Brewery's Class "B" premises to cover the Annual Concert at the Brewery Park on Saturday, June 12, 2004, from 4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and for Brews, Brats and Bands on Friday, August 20, 2004, from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and Saturday, August 21, 2004, from 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Request to install street lights:

A. North Reserve Street at Eagle Summit.

B. North Reserve Street at BlueBell Lane.

C. DuBay Avenue at Jasmine Lane.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Chairman Phillips seconded, to approve the installation of street lights on North Reserve Street at Eagle Summit, North Reserve Street at BlueBell Lane and DuBay Avenue at Jasmine Lane.

Ald. Seiser said she agrees it is dark out there. As we develop in the edges of town where it is not densely populated, there is not a lot of light. She said she still would like the City to have a clear ordinance about how much lighting is required in various places. She feels extra lights could be disruptive so she does not think this request is a good idea. The Alderperson also clarified that there will be no cost to the City to put the lights up but there will be a \$528 yearly charge for the requested street lights.

Ald. Markham would like more information on what the standards are for installing lights.

Chairman Phillips suggested that Ald. Markham talk to Public Works Director Euclide or Design Engineer Yauch.

Ald. Rackow said the three lights being requested are modest in the areas of concern. He thinks the City is being careful where lights are put in. He went on to say that he has some areas in his district that will need some lights put in.

Ald. Moore noted that he put in this request at the request of the people living in the CBRF. The residents are having problems when they drive north on Reserve Street because it is so well lit by Sentry Insurance. Once you go underneath the interstate, it is difficult for the residents to find the intersections. The Alderman feels it is a safety issue and it is important to do it.

Captain McCulley said this issue was discussed at the Police Department management meeting. Statistical data shows numerous calls for service in this area, i.e. ambulance runs, high volume of traffic, etc., and that played a part in the Police Department recommending approval of the request.

Chairman Phillips addressed Ald. Seiser's comments on too much light. He said he is not aware of any area where there are very bright street lights. He suggested that Ald. Seiser inform Director Euclide or Designer Engineer Yauch of those areas where she feels there are too many lights and the Director or the Designer Engineer can take a look at those areas.

Ayes: Chairman Phillips, Alderpersons Sevenich, Sowieja, Stroik.

Nays: Ald. Seiser

Motion carried.

5. Report on deer culling - Chairman Phillips.

Chairman Phillips gave a brief presentation on the recently completed deer culling in the City. He reported that the hunt started in mid-November 2003 and ended February 9, 2004. The total number of deer culled is sixty, 8 from the northside (proximity of Schmeeckle Reserve), 13 around the East Maria Drive area, 22 around the Highway HH area and 17 around the Stora Enso/Channel Drive area.

The Chairman further reported that Tom Jakusz was in charge of the hunt and was paid \$50 per deer. Mr. Jakusz delivered the deer to City residents who had signed up to receive a deer. There were only two complaints received during the hunt.

Chairman Phillips and Alderman Barr, coordinators of the deer culling project, would like to thank Tom Jakusz and his team for their concerted efforts to reach the goal of culling sixty deer in the City. The coordinators also extended their thanks to Greg Dahl of the DNR for working with the City to get the necessary permits.

The coordinators of the deer culling project will meet with the DNR, UW-SP and the City to evaluate the program and to make recommendations for improvement in the future.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to accept the report and place it on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Recommendation on the January 2004 Inspection Report.

Community Development Director Gardner noted that the Commercial Remodeling/Addition Declared Valuation of \$1,464,197 is due in part to a building permit taken by Skyward, 5233 Coye Drive, for building addition.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, to approve the January 2004 Inspection Report and place it on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment - 6:25 P.M.

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