

## Meeting Minutes

### Public Protection Committee Minutes

Monday, September 13, 2004 - 6:15 P.M. Present: Chairman Rackow, Ald. Sevenich, Markham, Sowieja, Wiza.

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, CT Schlice, Atty. Molepske, Clerk Kranig, Ald. Molski, Barr, Walther, Stroik, Moore, Barber; Dir. Gardner, Schrader, Halverson; Chief Morris, Chief Barnes, Capt. McCulley, Assessor Kuehn, Transit Mgr. Lemke, Pers. Spec. Jakusz, Jamie Gebert, Scott Gulan, Jim Oliva, Jim Schickert, Dan Tikalsky, Jim Billings, Randy Mayes, David Simonis, Gary Aldrich, Fred Williston, Mae Wernicke, Mike Phillips, Adeline Zificsak, Lynn DiSalvo, Tom Jakusz, Troy Hojnacki, Kate Garsomke (Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Gazette)

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- Ald. Markham moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, approval of items A, B, C, D. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

Rejection recommendation for Kenneth Warren: Mr. Warren was not present. Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded for rejection of an Operator's license for Mr. Warren based on an underage drinking conviction and possession of drug paraphernalia, both in May, 2004. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

Mae Wernicke was present to appeal the recommendation to reject her application for a Bartender's license. Her employer Fred Williston, 4755 Hayes Ave., #20, Plover, spoke on her behalf. He has complete confidence in her character.

Ald. Wiza moved to deny Ms. Wernicke a license based on the Possession of a Controlled Substance conviction less than one year ago. Ald. Markham seconded the motion. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

2. Request for a one-day extension of liquor premises: Final Score (UW-SP Homecoming)

Capt. McCulley emphasized the need for a licensed bartender in the expanded area outside the building, and expressed Police Department concerns about amplified music. Jim Billings, on behalf of the Final Score, said the bartender will be provided, and the music would end by 7:00 p.m. McCulley said the Police Department would have no objections to the music if ended at that time.

Ald. Markham moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, approval of the request for the license premises extension. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

3. Request for street closing: Main Street from Strongs Avenue to and including the south portion of the Square.

Jim Oliva appeared for the ADB, sponsor of the Harvest Festival on October 23. A revised list of activities was provided. The request is to close Main Street from Strongs Avenue to the Public Square from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and portions of the Square until 11:00 p.m. A tent will be erected in the northwest quadrant of the Square, for daytime activities and for a band and beer garden in the evening. A bond will be provided, if required, to erect the tent.

Capt. McCulley said the Police Department recommends four contractual officers for the evening event. Scott Gulan said contractual officers will be hired, and fencing and porta-potties provided. Ald. Sevenich questioned the clean-up for horse-drawn rides. Oliva said they are aware of the need to follow the horses.

Fire Chief Barnes cautioned that the closed streets be accessible for emergency vehicles. Chief Morris expressed concern that a responsible adult be on the wagons to assure people remain seated.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded for approval of the street closings as requested. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

4. Consideration of expansion of liquor premises - Mobil, 5485 Hwy. 10E.

The Mobil station is remodeling its building and expanding the beer/liquor area. The area has been inspected by the Inspection and Police Departments, and meets ordinance requirements.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, approval of the expansion of the Mobil premises. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

5. Revised Operator/Manager's License Application Information form.

Clerk Kranig explained that the Operator/Manager's License Application Information form has been revised to clarify some issues, including pending charges, and increases the waiting period after an OWI conviction to one year. The City Attorney, Chief of Police and City Clerk recommend adoption of the revised form.

Ald.. Rackow moved, Ald.. Sowieja seconded approval of the revised form. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

6. Ordinance amendment - number of cash registers in retail premises.

Atty. Molepske explained that the ordinance amendment would allow expansion of cash registers permitted to check out liquor, but imposes stricter observance of the need for operator's licenses. Stores would have the option of having every cashier possess a license, or having one supervisor immediately in the area to observe all liquor sales.

Mike Phillips questioned the ability to spot fake ID's, and was assured by store managers Jim Schickert (County Market) and Dan Tikalsky (Coppes Southside) that their cashier personnel are trained to identify such ID's.

Ald.. Wiza moved, Ald.. Sowieja seconded, approval of the ordinance. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

7. Ordinance - Abandonment of Premises - Class "B" Combination Intoxicating Liquor license.

This ordinance would cause unused liquor licenses to revert to the city if not used by the time of renewal. It also provides that non-payment of license fees shall be grounds for revocation. Atty. Molepske said most cities have an abandonment provision, usually much more stringent than this proposal.

Ald.. Sowieja moved, Ald.. Wiza seconded, approval of the ordinance. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

8. Consideration of deer culling for 2004.

Tim Ginnett of UW-SP gave a short presentation on survey results concerning the deer population in Portage County, problems caused by deer, control methods and special taxation as a method to fund the control methods.

Ald.. Rackow moved that the Council indicate its commitment to culling the deer population, and that the Mayor be requested to appoint a working group to provide proposals as to methods to be used. Suggested members of such group would be Ald.. Rackow, Ald.. Barber, Mike Phillips, and as advisors, DNR representative Dahl, Tim Ginnett and Chief Morris. The group should report to the October Public Protection meeting. Ald.. Sowieja seconded the motion. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

9. Recommendation of the August 2004 Inspection Report.

a. Construction Starts

b. Violations.

Ald.. Sevenich moved, Ald.. Rackow seconded that the report be accepted and placed on file. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

10. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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