

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Monday, April 14, 2003 - 6:00 P. M.

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

Absent: Ald. Filipiak

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, Clerk Zdroik, Directors Disher, Gardner, Schrader, Van Alstine; Alderpersons Walther, Sowiejka, Barr, Nealis Molski; Fire Chief Barnes, Police Chief Carpenter, Police Captain Dowling, Street Superintendent Krieski, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw, Mayoral Assistant Gebert, Alderpersons-elect Markham, Stroik; Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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b. The Store #57, 201 W. Clark Street, Stevens Point, WI, from Daniel J. Bowman, 2340A Dixon Street, Stevens Point, WI, to Rosemary Abbott, 4610 8th Street South #9, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, effective April 22, 2003.

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8. Adjournment.

1. Recommendation on License list.

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

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the New and Renewal Operator's (Bartender's) license list.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

B. Change of Agents:

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Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for approval of the Change of Agent for Pizza Hut, at 417 Division Street and the Change of Agent for The Store #57, at 201 W. Clark Street, as outlined above, both effective April 22, 2003.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

C. Application for Class "B" Beer and Class "C" Wine, Olympic Restaurant, 200 Division Street, Stevens Point, WI, Peter P. Ananiadis, 2430 Magnolia Drive, Plover, WI, effective May 1, 2003.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the application of Peter P. Ananiadis, 2430 Magnolia Drive, Plover, WI, for a Class "B" Beer and Class "C" Wine, at the Olympic Restaurant, 200 Division Street, effective May 1, 2003.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

D. Rejections:

a. Brandon Jon Oltman, 336 Frontenac Avenue, Stevens Point, WI, was notified of the meeting and was present.

Police Captain Dowling stated that Mr. Oltman listed a possession of THC in 2000 and his records showed a conviction on 04-27-01. That is the sole violation that the Police Department has. Captain Dowling reiterated the criteria set by the Public Protection Committee as to the possession of controlled substances or drug paraphernalia convictions within the 3-year period prior to approval of the license.

Ald. Seiser thinks the City's policy on alcohol versus controlled substances is inconsistent. This would have been allowed if it was an alcohol related violation since alcohol related convictions only call for two years. This would meet the requirement of alcohol conviction.

Ald. Sevenich feels there is a big difference between drugs and alcohol and added that 3 years is adequate. She thinks that people who have been on drugs have a hard time getting off drugs.

For clarification, Ald. Seiser said 3 years in the City's policy, not the law.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, to deny Brandon Jon Oltman's operator's (bartender's) license application.

Ald. Sevenich feels Mr. Oltman needs a little more time.

Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Phillips

Nays: Ald. Seiser, Moore

Motion failed.

b. Matthew Lee Sweeney, 610 12th Street North, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, did not appear.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, to deny Matthew Lee Sweeney's operator's (bartender's) license application.

Ald. Seiser said she concurs with the denial. This is also a drug conviction and the timing is only a year and four months. It is within the 2-year policy for alcohol.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

c. David B. Pennings, 270 Paradise Lane #3, Plover, WI, was at the meeting. He said that it has been a year and ten months since his conviction. He is currently on probation and has completed all the requirements so far. His goal is to work towards an assistant manager position at Pizza Hut and pursue this as a career. He is currently a shift supervisor. If denied, Mr. Pennings said he will look for some other work.

Captain Dowling said Mr. Pennings came and talked to him after he received the rejection letter. Regarding the City's policy on rejection, Captain Dowling added that rejected applicants are invited to speak to either him or Captain McCulley just to determine whether or not there is a misunderstanding on their part. Mr. Penning failed to list a number of underage alcohol convictions. He told Captain Dowling that he did not know that he had to report the violations. He has a drug conviction in June 2001 which is within the 3-year period as required by the Public Protection criteria.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, to deny David B. Pennings' operator's (bartender's) license application.

Ald. Sevenich advised that applicants list all convictions in their application and be honest about their mistakes. She feels drug conviction is a bad one. The Alderperson suggested that Mr. Pennings find some other job and come back and reapply again.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Request to amend ordinance - Fire Department.

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B. Chapter 24.27 - Citations and Bond Schedule.

Fire Chief Barnes noted that this request is being made to adopt existing State fire requirements and practices thus bringing the City's code to current professional standards.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, to approve the request to amend Chapter 6.07 and Chapter 24.27 of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point.

3. Request to hold car cruise on Friday, July 25, 2003, starting at 7:00 P.M. - Spud City Mash-ionals.

John Tomaszewski, the event coordinator said the request is the same as previous years and the route is also the same as last year. If Main and Division Streets are being worked on during that period, then the route will run backwards. Mr. Tomaszewski is working with Police Lieutenant Eggleston on the details of the parade route.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, to approve the request to hold the Spud City Mash-ionals car cruise on Friday, July 25, 2003, starting at 7:00 P.M.

Ald. Sowieja asked if Portage County and the Village of Plover have been contacted?

Mr. Tomaszewski said that he was in contact with both the County and the Village of Plover.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Request to hold a motorcycle parade and river walk "Lets Roll Rally", on Saturday, May 17, 2003, starting at 10:30 A.M. at Rainbow Family Waterpark, Plover and ending at Piffner Pioneer Park.

Paul Kaetterhenry, 411 N. Ash Avenue, Marshfield, director of the Lets Roll Rally reviewed the parade route with the Committee. The motorcycle parade will start at Rainbow Family Waterpark in Plover at 10:30 A.M. They will then take Hoover Avenue to Cty. Rd HH to the west, then go to Water Street to the north, then Arlington Street to the east, then Church Street to Main Street, then west on Main Street back to Water Street to the north. The parade will then turn west to Crosby to the rally site at Piffner Pioneer Park.

The parade organizers are also asking that they get some support from the Police Department to increase safety on some of the busy intersections for the parade and help with the control at the rally site. They have invited between 250,000 to 300,000 riders. They are not really sure as to the number of attendees. It could be 200 biker or 5,000 bikes. It is hard to say, Mr. Kaetterhenry said.

They will also have a walk at the park to show support of the troops. There will be band and speakers. The main reason for the rally is to raise money for the families of the troops called to active duty. These families are from Wood, Marathon, Lincoln, and Portage Counties. The financial help will be set up separately with the Salvation Army for these families.

Captain Dowling said the Police Department has a few concerns. First, the route is not acceptable going to Water Street to Arlington to Church Street then Main Street. With 2000 bikers, it is impractical. There are several controlled intersections in this route. The Police Department would like to run the parade route straight up along Water Street rather than going through downtown. The second point is the parade will be rather long with even 1500 bikers. The Captain is not sure whether there will be enough people working at that time that the Police Department will be able to handle the traffic issues that go along with a group that large. The Police Department may be looking at a need for contractual officers and would want some volunteers from the group to help the Police Department at some intersections.

Mr. Kaetterhenry said they have done rides before where they helped out and set up road blocks, with approval from the Police Department to do this. As to the parade route, the route suggested by the Police Department is their second option. The reason why they would like to go on Main Street is to let the downtown businesses know what they are doing and to let the bikers see the businesses so at 5:00 P.M., they can frequent the local places of business and help stimulate the economy at least for the day here in the City of Stevens Point.

The only question is the block section where Highway 10 comes from the west and splits into one way and goes to the east. Mr. Kaetterhenry asked whether the street they are going on be Water Street or Highway 10?

Captain Dowling said Water Street.

Mr. Kaetterhenry said he just did not want to go through the long process of asking the DOT to use a U.S. highway.

Chairman Phillips asked Captain Dowling if the rally organizers change the route to go straight up to Water Street and supply enough help, will it be acceptable to the Police Department to hold the rally?

Captain Dowling said that he would still like to discuss the issue of contractual officers at some particular point.

Ald. Seiser wanted the event organizers to make sure that no bikes should be parked on the Green Circle Trail or in the park but rather use the City parking lot No. 2 which is at the northwest corner of Crosby Avenue and Water Street.

Mr. Kaetterhenry said he is hoping that section of Crosby Avenue where the Bandshell is back to Highway 10 be blocked for parking. He also contacted Bank One officials for the use of the bank parking lot.

Ald. Moore asked what is being done as far as security around the park?

Mr. Kaetterhenry said he discussed this with Police Captain McCulley and the Captain said that depending on how many people are there, the rally organizers may have to arrange for contractual officers with the Police Department. The organizers are also looking into an independent security company to donate their services to show their support of the troops. But with this arrangement there could be some problems with liability, Mr. Kaetterhenry said. They prefer to have law enforcement officers at the rally. He added that he talked to the Wausau Police Chief who said that if there are more than 1000 attendees, it is the responsibility of the Police Department to keep the event under control.

Police Chief Carpenter stated that the City of Stevens Point does not have a policy to that effect. We need to be prepared in this community for that many people and that much traffic control and the Common Council has to decide whether the community has to pay for this rally in the park.

Chairman Phillips asked if Portage County would have any help available for this event?

Captain Dowling said it is a possibility. We have to see what they have scheduled for that day. The County might not have the information available yet.

Ald. Moore asked what stipulation do you feel should be put on from the Police Department's point of view.

Captain Dowling said that there be no alcohol, have two contractual officers for the early part of the rally and then make assessments as to how long the officers are needed, and have a different parade route.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the Lets Roll Rally motorcycle parade on Saturday, May 17, 2003, with the following conditions.

- Close Crosby Avenue
- Require Lets Roll Rally pay for two contractual officers
- There be no alcohol sold in the park
- No motorcycles be allowed in the park
- Parade route be acceptable to the Police Department
- The event will end at 5:00 P.M.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Request to hold a Fourth of July parade in downtown Stevens Point starting at 11:00 A.M. - Association of Downtown Businesses. Captain Dowling sees no problem with this request but would like to call the Committee's attention to a safety concern when the people are getting too far on the roadway, especially the children when they are throwing candy. The Association of Downtown Businesses has done their best to make this a safe event. I hope they can have some people available to help the Police Department with the crowd control, particularly the end of Main Street on the Square. The Captain added that the more volunteers there are, the safer we can make it.

Ald. Sevenich said she regularly attends the Association of Downtown Businesses meeting and she will convey to the ADB the Police Department's concern.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for approval to hold a Fourth of July parade in downtown Stevens Point starting at 11:00 A.M.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Crazy Days Celebration - Wednesday, July 9 and Thursday, July 10, 2003.

A. Request to close Main Street from Strongs Avenue to Water Street on the above dates.

B. Request to hold an alcohol-free street dance on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Main Street from Strongs Avenue to Water Street.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to approve the closing of Main Street from Strongs Avenue to Water Street on Wednesday, July 9, and Thursday, July 10, 2003, for the Crazy Days Celebration and to hold an alcohol-free street dance on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Ayes, all; nays none. Motion carried.

7. Recommendation on Inspection Report.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, to accept the March 2003 Inspection Report and place it on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Adjournment - 6:35 P.M.

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