

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Monday, May 12, 2003 - 6:45 P. M.

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

Excused: Ald. Sowieja

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, Clerk Zdroik, Directors Disher, Gardner, Schrader, Van Alstine; Alderpersons Barr, Rackow, Molski; Fire Chief Barnes, Police Captain McCulley, Street Superintendent Krieski, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw, City Surveyor Hild, Mayoral Assistant Gebert, Kate Garsombke (Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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1. Recommendation on License list.

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

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

B. Rejection:

a. Rebecca Brillowski, 1490 Len's Drive, Stevens Point, WI, was notified of the meeting but did not appear.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to deny Rebecca Brillowski's operator's (bartender's) license application.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

C. Special Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailers License:

a. St. Peter's Parish Picnic, 800 Fourth Avenue, Stevens Point, WI, starting on Saturday, June 14, 2003 and ending Sunday, June 15, 2003.

b. St. Joseph's Parish Picnic, 1709 Wyatt Avenue, Stevens Point, WI, starting on Friday, June 6, 2003, and ending Sunday, June 8, 2003.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the Special Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailers License for St. Peter's Parish Picnic and the St. Joseph's Parish Picnic, as outlined above.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Recommendation on 2003-2004 Renewal License list - beer and liquor.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, for approval of the 2003-2004 beer and liquor Renewal License list.

Ald. Seiser said earlier the Committee talked about licensing issues about certain establishments on Main Street, like being crowded, etc. She asked Captain McCulley if the recommendation is for all the licenses to be renewed.

Captain McCulley said the Police Department did not have any establishment that has any major issues that need to be reviewed tonight. The Captain added that during the year, if there are offenses and convictions, the license would be suspended for three days at a time.

Ald. Seiser stated that at times business owners downtown make comments on bad behavior downtown such as having broken windows and things like that. It has also been discussed that the Police Department had to cover some extra hours and do different duties at bar closing time. It was brought up some time ago that these issues will be addressed at license renewal time.

Captain McCulley said the Police Department has been working with the establishment owners downtown throughout the year and Ald. Sevenich is involved in that too. The Police Department has been working with the owners of the establishments to do certain things. So far, the owners have been cooperative in trying to help with crowd issues and things that happen after bar closing, the Captain added. She stated that as far as the crowd and some of the vandalism is concerned, it is hard to identify a particular establishment for license revocation.

Ayes: Chairman Phillips, Ald. Sevenich, Stroik

Nays: Ald. Seiser.

Motion carried.

3. Special Olympics - Wisconsin

A. Law Enforcement Torch Run Parade on Thursday, June 5, 2003, starting at 2:00 P.M., corner of Church Street and Main Street.

B. Road closing request starting Thursday, June 5, 2003, through Saturday, June 7, 2003.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to approve the requests from Special Olympics Wisconsin, as stated above.

Police Captain McCulley stated there is no objection from the Police Department on accommodating these requests.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Request to close and no parking zones on Crosby Avenue, from Thursday, July 3, 2003, through Sunday, July 6, 2003 - Riverfront

Rendezvous.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the Crosby Avenue closing and no parking zones, plus no parking on the east and west side of Frederick Street between Franklin Street and Fourth Avenue and on the east and west side of West Street between Portage Street and Fourth Avenue, for Riverfront Rendezvous, from Thursday, July 3, 2003, through Sunday, July 6, 2003.

Captain McCulley said this is an annual event and the Police Department does not have a problem with the request.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Request to close a portion of Depot Street and to extend licensed premises on Saturday, July 12, 2003, from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. - Big Hunchie's Roadhouse, 2408-12 Division Street.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to close a portion of Depot Street and to extend the licensed premises for Big Hunchie's Roadhouse, 2408-12 Division Street, on Saturday, July 12, 2003, from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Captain McCulley said the Police Department has no objection to the request since the closure is at 10:00 P.M. and that the traffic is not heavy at that location.

Fire Chief Barnes noted that the Fire Department also has no objection to the request.

Ald. Rackow wondered if the Canadian National Railroad has been contacted about the event.

Mr. Kawalske, co-owner of Big Hunchie's Roadhouse, said yes, they have been contacted. As a matter of fact, the Railroad has offered the use of their parking lot for the day, pending the outcome of tonight's meeting, Mr. Kawalske added.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Recommendation on Inspection Report.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment - 6:55 P.M.

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