

Meeting Minutes

Public Protection Committee Minutes

Monday, October 13, 2003 - 6:15 P. M.

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

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, City Attorney Molepske, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, Clerk Zdroik, Directors Disher, Euclide, Gardner, Schrader; 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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 - B. Manager's License.
 - C. Taxicab Driver's License.
 - D. Transfer of "Class B" Beer and Liquor License - George Barkoulis, 701 Fifth Avenue, Stevens Point, WI, for Flanagan's at 101 Division Street, effective October 21, 2003, previously issued to David J. Zagrzebski.
2. Request permission to hold the 15th Annual Community Christmas Parade on Thursday, November 20, 2003, starting at 6:15 P.M.
3. Request to amend ordinance - Section 12.21 (Snow Removal Operator) of the Municipal Code.
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1. Recommendation on License list.
 - A. New and Renewal Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.
 - B. Manager's License
 - C. Taxicab Driver's LicenseAld. Stroik moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, to approve the New and Renewal Operator's (Bartender's) License, Manager's License, and Taxicab Driver's License.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

D. Transfer of "Class B" Beer and Liquor License - George Barkoulis, 701 Fifth Avenue, Stevens Point, WI, for Flanagan's at 101 Division Street, effective October 21, 2003, previously issued to David J. Zagrzebski.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for approval of the Transfer of "Class B" Beer and Liquor License to George Barkoulis, 701 Fifth Avenue, Stevens Point, WI, for Flanagan's at 101 Division Street, Stevens Point, WI, effective October 21, 2003.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Request permission to hold the 15th Annual Community Christmas Parade on Thursday, November 20, 2003, starting at 6:15 P.M.

Mayor Wescott said he is the parade marshal and he recommends approval.

Police Captain McCulley said Nikki Somers, a student from Mid-State Technical College is in attendance tonight and will answer questions regarding the help from Mid-State. The law enforcement students from Mid-state help guide the Christmas parade.

Ald. Seiser commented that she enjoys the Christmas parade every year and likes it that the Mid-State law enforcement students are there. It is a good presence.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sevenich, seconded for approval of the request to hold the 15th Annual Community Christmas parade on Thursday, November 20, 2003, starting at 6:15 P.M.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Request to amend ordinance - Section 12.21 (Snow Removal Operator) of the Municipal Code.

City Attorney Molepske explained to the Committee how this request came about. He said at the request of the Police Department he had redrafted subsections (2) and (3) of Section 12.21 (Snow Removal Operator) of the Municipal Code.

Subsection (3) of the present ordinance requires police inspection of all snow removal equipment and any defects to same shall be corrected prior to the issuance of the license. The proposed ordinance requires the owners to certify their own vehicles to make sure the equipment intended to be used for snow plowing and removal is in good working order.

The City Attorney indicated that this is time consuming on the part of the Police Department and the department does not want the task of vehicle inspection. We do not employ police officers for mechanical purposes, he said. The City Attorney's suggestion is to relieve the Police Department of that duty. He suggested that the individual operator obtain a certificate from some garage or otherwise to insure that the equipment is operating properly and deliver to the Clerk on the form that she provides.

Attorney Molepske said from a liability point of view the Police Department should not be involved in the mechanical inspection of snow removal equipment.

Ald. Stroik questioned the certification form, whether it should be done by the applicant or should the applicant go to a garage and have the vehicle(s) certified to be in good working order?

Attorney Molepske said that is what the discussion is here tonight, whether the Public Protection Committee should require the applicant to take the vehicle(s) to a garage and have the vehicle(s) certified or the applicant can certify the vehicle(s) himself/herself.

Ald. Sevenich said it is a good idea for the applicant if he/she can have the vehicle(s) certified by a mechanic or somebody from a garage.

Ald. Stroik feels the applicant is pushing the liability on the mechanic. He feels that if a person will plow snow in the City, that person should take responsibility for signing a form such as the one being recommended tonight. He does not think there will be many mechanics that will be willing to sign something they are not very familiar with.

Ald. Markham and Ald. Molski echoed Ald. Stroik's feeling.

Subsection (2) of Section 12.21 relates to the Certificate of Liability Insurance. The insurance requirements in this subsection have been increased as they were outdated in the amount of coverage required. The changes are as follows:

Bodily injury limits from \$25,000 per person to \$100,000 per person.

From \$50,000 for one accident to \$250,000 per accident.

Minimum property damage liability limits of \$10,000 raised to \$25,000.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for approval of the proposed amendment to subsections (2) and (3) of Section 12.21 of the Municipal Code, as written.

Ayes: all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Recommendation on Inspection Report.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to accept the September Inspection Report and place it on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Adjournment - 6:25 P.M.

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