

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Monday, December 12, 2001, 6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers - County-City Building Present: Chairman Phillips, Alderpersons Sevenich, Walther, Seiser, Sowieja

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice, City Attorney Molepske, Clerk Zdroik, Directors Disher, Gardner, Schrader, Van Alstine; Alderpersons Filipiak, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Nealis, Moore; Police Captain Daubert, Mayoral Assistant Molepske, Barb Martin (Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

1. License list.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for approval of the new operator/bartender s licenses.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF CLASS B COMBINATION LICENSE.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for approval of the transfer of "Class B" combination licenses for CRS Partnership, 200 Isadore Street; Point Bowl, Inc., 2525 Dixon Street; and Stevens Point Hospitality, LP, 1501 North Point Drive.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDED REJECTION.

Amber B. Corry - was not present.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to deny the application for operator/bartender s license for Amber B. Corry.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Angela Lyn Hart - was present.

Ms. Hart stated when she was filling out the operator/bartender s license application, she was stressed out and forgot to list her underage alco conviction which occurred on November 22, 1999. She further informed the Committee that she paid her fine and completed the first offender program.

Chairman Phillips explained that Ms. Hart completed and signed the Operator/Manager s License Application Information (Guidelines). Applicants are asked to read the guidelines carefully prior to filling out the Operator/Bartender s application. The guidelines state that applicants must complete the application completely and accurately. Any incomplete, inaccurate or untruthful information on any license application shall be cause for denial of such license.

Ald. Seiser asked how soon can Ms. Hart apply again?

The Chairman said reapplication will be allowed after six months has elapsed since the date of the previous application.

Ald. Sevenich said Ms. Hart can still work with a licensed bartender.

Ms. Hart said her manager told her that her hours will be cut if she did not get an operator s license since she is the main person at the gas sta that can work all hours of the day. The majority of her shift is 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Ald. Sowieja wonders what the Committee will be accomplishing if it denied Ms. Hart s license now when she can reapply after six months. The Alderman said she came before the Committee and gave her reason why she failed to list the conviction in her application.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for approval of the operator/bartender s license application for Angela Lyn Hart.

Ayes: Chairman Phillips, Ald. Walther, Seiser, Sowieja.

Nays: Ald. Sevenich. Motion carried.

Gerald W. Johnson - was not present.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, to deny the application for operator/bartender s license for Gerald W. Johnson.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Stevens Point Deer Management Committee meeting of December 7, 2001.

Ald. Molski would like information on the number of deer/car accidents that occurred in the city limits within the last four years.

Chairman Phillips said there were approximately twenty-two deer/car accidents mostly on Cty. Road HH, in the Iverson Park area on Highway 10 East, and on Patch Street.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the minutes of the Stevens Point Deer Management Committee meeting of December 7, 2001, and place it on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Ordinance - creating "No Deer Feeding" ordinance - Section 14.25.

Ald. Seiser has concerns about the "Exceptions" in the ordinance.

City Attorney Molepske explained that if the City authorized baiting for the purpose of shooting, the Council has to approve the contract and therefore must approve the exception to the ordinance.

The City Attorney also advised the Committee members that another part of the ordinance that relates to vegetation will be changed.

Ald. Seiser reiterated her concern on the exceptions in the ordinance. She said it is a good idea overall if there was no deer feeding allowed.

Police Captain Daubert noted that since there will be a revision to the proposed ordinance to clarify the vegetation part, she said the Police Department would like to see the intent clarified more.

Ald. Barr stated that at the Deer Management Committee meeting, a DNR representative advised the committee that sharpshooters would want to bait the deer to concentrate the herd in one spot, if culling should be done.

Ald. Sowieja asked if bow hunters are allowed to bait the deer now at the designated bow hunting area in the 10th Ward?

Director Van Alstine said no baiting is allowed for hunting both in the designated area in the 10th Ward and at the airport.

Chairman Phillips added that bow hunters hunting within the City limits must adhere to state law.

Ald. Rackow asked what the penalty is for violating this ordinance?

City Attorney Molepske said the penalty will range from a minimum of \$100 to a maximum of \$200.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the proposed No Deer Feeding Ordinance.

Ald. Sowieja voiced his concern on approving the proposed ordinance tonight because of the changes that are to be made to it. He would like to see what the changes are going to be before he votes on it.

Ald. Rackow stated he is comfortable making minor changes in the proposed ordinance at the Council meeting. If the changes are too drastic, he suggested sending the ordinance back to the Public Protection Committee.

Ayes: Chairman Phillips, Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Seiser.

Nays: Ald. Sowieja. Motion carried.

4. Inspection Report.

Director Gardner reported it is a very good year for construction purposes in spite of the slumping economy in the early part of the year. The Total Valuation to Date is \$30,248,138.00. This total is more than the 1997 and 1999 valuations but a little less than the 1998 and 2000 valuations.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Adjournment - 8:15 P.M.

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