

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 8, 2000 - 6:00 P. M.

City Water Department - 300 Bliss Avenue Present: Chairman Niedbalski, Alderpersons Sevenich, Nealis, Phillips

Excused: Alderperson Walther

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, City Attorney Molepske, C/T Schlice, Clerk Zdroik, Directors Gardner, Schrader, Van Alstine: Alderpersons Pazdernik, Seiser, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Molski; Police Captain Dowling, Mayoral Assistant Bumgarner, Susan Kampmeier (Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Scott Krueger (WIZD)

Chairman Niedbalski reminded individuals, groups, or organizations wishing to come before the Public Protection Committee or wishing to be on the agenda for the Public Protection Committee meeting that they must send a written request addressed to the City Clerk's office.

1. License list.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the new operator's (provisional) license, renewal (2-year) operator license, temporary Class "B"/"Class B" retailer's license, change of agent, and transfer of "Class B" beer and liquor license.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Recommended rejection of operator's (bartender's) license.

Jeremy C. Waltenberg did not appear.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, to deny the operator's (bartender's) license application for Jeremy C. Waltenberg.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Renewal list - beer and liquor.

Ald. Phillips asked if there are any problems with Bruisers this year compared to last year.

Police Captain Dowling stated the Police Department has not had real problems except for an assault outside of the establishment that happened about two and a half months ago. The Police Department had some difficulties getting some of the employees to cooperate in the investigation. The manager of the establishment assured the Police Department that the employees will cooperate or they will no longer be employees of the establishment.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Niedbalski seconded, to approve the 2000-2001 beer and liquor license applications.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. A. Request to close a portion of Water Street between Francis Street and Matilda Street from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., on Saturday, August 19, 2000 - United Way.

B. Request to extend Class "B" Beer premises - Friday, August 18, 2000 and Saturday, August 19, 2000 - Stevens Point Brewery.

Captain Dowling noted that these requests have been made the last several years and there were no problems in the past. The Police Department sees no reason why there will be a problem this year.

The Stevens Point Brewery has hired contractual off-duty police officers to provide security at the event ensuring crowd control and proper checking of IDs. The Police Department is not planning on providing on-site security.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Niedbalski seconded, to approve the request made by United Way to close a portion of Water Street between Francis Street and Matilda Street from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 19, 2000, and to extend the Stevens Point Brewery Class "B" Beer premises, for Friday, August 18, 2000, from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and for Saturday, August 19, 2000, from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M.

Art Oksuita, Director of Operations, Stevens Point Brewery, informed the Committee that the Spring Festival of Beers held last Saturday, May 6, 2000, from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. attracted a lot of people. He felt detouring the traffic would have been safer to the attendees who were crossing the street to go to the Silent Auction which was held at the old Portage County garage across from the Brewery.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Watermelon Festival - Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, 2000 - North East and North West parking lot quadrants of the Farmers Market Square.

The Police Department, with approval from the Downtown Association of Businesses, is recommending to block off the northern quadrants of the Public Square and also to block the driveway to the north at the alley to the east and at the entrance by JCPenney's to the west, allowing access to the CenterPoint MarketPlace parking lot through the Crosby Avenue entrance to the MarketPlace.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to approve the street closing as recommended by the Police Department for the Watermelon Festival on Saturday, June 10, and Sunday, June 11, 2000.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Crazy Days Celebration - Tuesday, July 11 and Wednesday, July 12, 2000.

Guy Janssen, The Wooden Chair, 1059 Main Street, said the downtown business owners concerns are the bridge closing and the Clark Street construction. Mr. Janssen said the merchants are relying heavily on the sales during these two to three days event. The business owners are also concerned about the safety aspect and they want to make sure the Crazy Days sale is functioning properly during the construction.

Captain Dowling stated the recommendation that came from the City staff is to block off Main Street from Strongs Avenue to Third Street. The downtown business owners, just before the Public Protection Committee meeting, are now requesting to extend closing Main Street down to the access to the Public Square for Crazy Days.

Public Works Director Van Alstine informed the Committee that Clark Street is impassable through Third Street, so there will be no problem extending the closure of Main Street down to the access to the Public Square for Crazy Days.

Director Van Alstine asked that an option be made in case there is a change in construction. The director is asking that modifications be made on the street closing to meet construction.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the closing of Main Street for Crazy Days on Tuesday, July 11 and Wednesday, July 12, 2000, as recommended by the City staff.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Inspection Report.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment -6:15 P.M.

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