

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Monday, August 14, 2000 - 6:00 P. M.

City Water Department - 300 Bliss Avenue

Present: Acting Chairperson Phillips, Alderpersons Sevenich, Walther

Excused: Alderperson Nealis

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, Personnel Specialist Jakusz, Assessor Kuehn, Water & Sewer Administrator Disher, Mayoral Assistant Marciniak, Mike Jacquart (Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Scott Krueger (WIZD)

1. License list.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the new operator s (provisional) and the renewal (2-year) operator licenses.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Recommended rejection of operator s (bartender s) license.

Aaron Dobbe was not present.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to deny the operator s (bartender s) license application for Aaron M. Dobbe.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Violet May Adams did not appear.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to deny the operator s (bartender s) license application for Violet May Adams.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Jay Justin Billings was not present.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, to deny the operator s (bartender s) license application for Jay Justin Billings.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan W. Hennekens did not appear.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to deny the operator s (bartender s) license application for Bryan W. Hennekens.

Ayes, all; nays none. Motion carried.

Heather L. Johnson was present.

Ms. Johnson said bartending is her only source of income. She has been bartending the last three years. She is a licensed bartender in the Town of Carson and Village of Park Ridge.

Dan Retzki, owner of Graffiti s Bar and Grille and Ms. Johnson s employer said he cannot see denying an applicant for an operator s (bartender) license when it is his/her only source of income. Mr. Retzki stated the tavern industry is having a tough time finding help and he feels that rejecting an applicant due to an OWI conviction is punishing the business through the licensing process.

Mr. Retzki noted that it is not financially feasible for him to have two people working for his establishment at a given time. He feels the error Ms. Johnson made two months ago has nothing to do with her ability and job performance. He relies on her to do a lot toward the operation of his business. He feels this is a hardship situation.

Police Captain Dowling noted that the recent OWI was the reason for rejecting Ms. Johnson s operator s (bartender s) application. The captain said a person who serves alcohol is expected to deal with alcohol responsibly and serve also responsibly. In this case, it is an irresponsible use of alcohol.

Ald. Sevenich said the Public Protection Committee approves a lot of bartender s applications monthly. She suggested that Mr. Retzki find a w for Ms. Johnson to work with a licensed bartender.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to deny the operator s (bartender s) license application for Heather J. Johnson.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Request to block-off through-traffic - 1200 block of Washington Avenue - Saturday, August 19, 2000, from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Captain Dowling said the area is at the end of Washington Avenue and abuts Pulaski Street. Neither of these streets have a substantial amount of traffic, the captain said. It appears that everybody in the neighborhood will be attending the party.

The Police Department has no objection to this request.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the request to block-off through-traffic in the 1200 block of Washington Avenue on Saturday, August 19, 2000, from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. University Homecoming parade request - Saturday, September 30, 2000.

This has been done the past several years and the Police Department sees no problems with this request.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to approve the University Homecoming parade request on Saturday, September 30, 2000.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Halloween date and time.

Clerk Zdroik informed the committee that the City Clerk's office has received a number of telephone calls as to when trick or treating for Halloween will be held in the City this year.

Halloween falls on a Tuesday. Our recommendation is that trick or treating be held on Sunday, October 29, 2000, from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

When Halloween falls on a week day we recommend observing Halloween on the Sunday closest to and before Halloween.

We ask that the Police Department coordinate this with the neighboring municipalities so that we may all observe Halloween on the same date and time.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, that Halloween this year be observed on Sunday, October 29, from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Inspection Report.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment - 6:25 P.M.

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