

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Monday, September 11, 2000 - 6:00 P. M.

City Water Department - 300 Bliss Avenue Present: Chairman Phillips, Alderpersons Sevenich, Walther, Molski, Moore

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, City Attorney Molepske, C/T Schlice, Clerk Zdroik, Directors Gardner, Schrader, Van Alstine; Alderpersons Pazzernik, Seiser, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Nealis; Police Captain Daubert, Personnel Specialist Jakusz, Water & Sewer Administrator Disher, Mayoral Assistant Marciniak, Mike Jacquart (Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Scott Krueger (WIZD)

1. License list.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to approve the new operator s (provisional) licenses.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance - amending subsection (4) of Section 12.14 - Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage Ordinance - elimination of outdoor amplification prohibition.

Ald. Molski said it will be a lot easier to monitor and control the outdoor amplification if the City designated a time when outdoor amplification will be allowed.

City Attorney Molepske stated the proposed amendment to the ordinance will allow outdoor amplification until 11:00 P.M. This will eliminate establishments asking for different hours when they will be allowed outdoor amplification.

Mayor Wescott said a question came up at the Plan Commission meeting held earlier as to what will happen if the Plan Commission and City Council, as part of a conditional use, extend premises and allow outdoor amplification until 10:00 P.M. Will that condition supersede the proposed 11:00 P.M. for outdoor amplification?

Attorney Molepske said if it will be a conditional use and conditions are placed on it, that condition will govern but the Plan Commission does not have the right to make it 12:00 midnight.

Chairman Phillips noted that Partner s Pub and Hilltop Pub and Grille are special events while the Iguana Bar is an everyday affair.

Ald. Sevenich said the Plan Commission earlier wrestled with amplified sound which can be destructive in some ways but the Iguana Bar s rec is for low tone background music.

Mayor Wescott asked the City Attorney what the City s goal is under this ordinance or would there be other options available to us which would regulate and control loud music

Attorney Molepske said the Plan Commission approved something which is contrary to what the ordinance says. The City ought to eliminate the section on the prohibition of amplified music which is what is being proposed now. The attorney said it is hard to put standards on amplified music. **The ordinance is being modified to be consistent with the City s practice.**

Police Captain Daubert noted that the Police Department responds to a lot of loud party complaints. The Police Department finds the people involved in the loud party complaints are very cooperative and they know if they do not cooperate they will be cited.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the proposed ordinance as amended.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Annual Pizza Tasting Contest - UWSP - Tuesday, September 12, 2000, from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Clerk Zdroik said this is an annual event that has been held this time of the year the last few years.

The request is that the block of Reserve Street between Portage Street and Briggs Street in front of the University Center be barricaded by the University to accommodate hundreds of students enjoying the contest between 12:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the request to block off a portion of Reserve Street between Portage Street and Briggs Street in front of the University Center for the UWSP Annual Pizza Tasting Contest on Tuesday, September 12, 2000, from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Octoberfest Celebration - Isadore Street Brewing Company - 200 Isadore Street from 4:00 P.M. until midnight - Saturday, October 7, 2000.

On behalf of the owners and management of the Isadore Street Brewing Company, Suzanne Green, General Manager of said company is requesting an extension of the licensed premises for Isadore Brewing Company from 4:00 P.M. until midnight on Saturday, October 7, 2000, for their Octoberfest Celebration.

Police Captain Daubert is concerned about the statement in the letter stating that the event organizers would like to allow those under 21 years to watch the bands.

Ms. Green said they will wrist band everybody and only 21 years old and over will be allowed to attend the celebration.

Ald. Seiser said the event should end at 11:00 P.M. to be consistent with the other requests that came before the Public Protection Committee and in compliance with the City ordinance.

Ald. Sevenich asked what the establishment s plans are for fencing the area.

Ms. Green said the entire perimeter of the property will be surrounded with snow fence with two entrances, one in the parking lot along Maria Drive and one in the south parking lot along Isadore Street. She also said the food and beer tent designated on the map will be moved to the patio area.

This will allow the parking lot to be used for parking only.

Ald. Moore asked what the projected attendance will be for this celebration.

Ms. Green said since this is the first time they are having this celebration, they are predicting that this will not be a big celebration. She predicts between 100 and 150 attendees. Ms. Green also said that there will be some special events going on inside the establishment.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the licensed premises extension for **the Isadore Street Brewing Company s Octoberfest Celebration on Saturday, October 7, 2000, from 4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.**

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action on guidelines for reviewing license application for Operator s/Manager s license.

Chairman Phillips explained that this guideline informs the applicants of the criteria being used by the Police Department for rejecting an operator (bartender s) license or manager s license.

Ald. Kedrowski stated this guideline is a very good idea and it is something that is already being done at this time. He questioned the appeal process when an applicant is recommended for rejection.

Clerk Zdroik explained that applicants that are recommended for rejection by the Police Department get a letter from the City Clerk s office informing them of the reasons for their rejection. In the same letter, they are also notified of the next date and time of the Public Protection Committee meeting where they can present an appeal to the committee if they wish to challenge the recommendation.

Ald. Nealis asked if the rules have been relaxed a little bit citing one of the requirements of not having two or more alcohol related convictions within the past two years.

Captain Daubert said the requirements were loosened up a little bit when the alderpersons and the Police Department met.

Ald. Sevenich said the requirements are in line with what other municipalities are doing right now.

Chairman Phillips said he is comfortable and the Police Department is comfortable with the requirement of not having two or more alcohol related convictions within the past two years.

Ald. Pazdernik asked if the guidelines are for both the new operator s (bartender s) license and renewal license applications?

Chairman Phillips said yes.

Ald. Pazdernik has some reservations as far as the timing of the conviction as a cause to reject a license application.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to accept the Operator/Manager s License Application Information presented to the Operator/Manager s License applicants that has been revised.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Inspection Report.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment - 6:40 P.M.

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