

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Monday, October 9, 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; Alderpersons Pazdernik, 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. Sevenich moved, Ald. Molski seconded, to approve the new operator s (provisional) licenses.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Recommended rejection.

John David Kallas was present.

Chairman Phillips explained that Mr. Kallas recommended rejection was done under the old operator/manager s application guidelines. These guidelines have been revised and the Public Protection Committee and the Common Council at their September 2000 meetings have approved the new guidelines.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the application for an operator/bartender s license for John David Kallas.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Matthew R. Lemahieu did not appear.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to deny the application for an operator/bartender s license for Matthew R. Lemahieu.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Susan J. Hytry appeared before the Public Protection Committee.

Ms. Hytry stated her applications for an operator/bartender s license have been denied in May 1998 and January 2000 due to a license suspension for non-compliance on OWI. She was advised in May 1998 and January 2000 to come back after six months and reapply.

Chairman Phillips said one of the reasons for her rejection is due to a non-compliance while in the plan.

Ms. Hytry said she brought the necessary papers showing her compliance at the previous meetings.

Police Captain Daubert would like to see proof that Ms. Hytry is now in compliance. The captain asked that the paperwork be dropped off at the **Police Department for the department s review and action.**

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, for approval of the operator/bartender s license application for Susan J. Hytry contingent upon Ms. Hytry furnishing the necessary paperwork to the Police Department proving that she is now in compliance with her license suspension.

Ald. Rackow reminded the parties concerned that the determination on whether Ms. Hytry has complied with her license suspension must be done this week so the Council can come up with a decision before the meeting on Monday, October 16, 2000.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Brian A. Knutson was present.

Mr. Knutson explained that the two underage alcohol convictions (2/16/99 and 4/13/99) were committed in Stevens Point. He was walking down the street with some friends with open intoxicants and was stopped and cited by the police. He noted that there was no vehicle involved in both the incidents.

Dave Hediger, Manager, Eastside Cops Liquor Department said the company spends a lot of time training employees. While working at the Eastside Cops, Mr. Knutson will be in a controlled environment. There will be a manager on duty at all times and there is also surveillance in the area.

Ald. Sevenich said she has a problem approving Mr. Knutson s operator/bartender s application.

The guidelines on alcohol related convictions were just revised and brought down from three years to two years. The alderperson feels that the **applicants with alcohol related convictions must have a period of clean time before approving his/her operator/bartender s application.** Ald. Sevenich noted that the guidelines were revised to make it understandable to everybody who is applying for an operator/manager s license.

Ald. Walther said he agrees with Ald. Sevenich. The Public Protection Committee and the Police Department sat down and rewrote the guidelines **for an operator/manager s license application to have something concrete and on paper.**

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to deny the operator/bartender s application for Brian A. Knutson and advised that Mr. Knutson reapply in February of 2001.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Kimberly E. Neuman appeared before the Committee.

Ms. Neuman said she is a full time UW-SP student and is the captain of the UW-SP prom squad. She is working two jobs and needs the money to help pay for her schooling.

She feels her employer, where she bartends, tries to work around her schedule so she is asking the **Committee for its consideration to overturn the recommended rejection on her operator/bartender s application.**

Veronica Puccio said she works with Ms. Neuman. Ms. Neuman works four to five hours a night on Saturdays and Sundays to help pay for her schooling. Ms. Puccio said their employer can only afford one licensed bartender at a time.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for denial of Kimberly E. Neuman s application for an operator/bartender s license and advised t Ms. Neuman reapply in May 2001.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Philip A. Bahr was not present.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to deny the operator/bartender s application for Philip A. Bahr.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Request to extend licensed premises - Iguana Club - 916 Maria Drive.

Chairman Phillips explained that the Plan Commission and Common Council at their September 2000 meetings adopted a resolution approving a conditional use permit for the Iguana Club with the following conditions/restrictions:

- 1) extension of chain link fence to completely enclose the volleyball court area
- 2) installation of a wood privacy fence between the Iguana Club and residential property adjacent to northwest
- 3) requiring a 10:00 P.M. closing time for the outdoor serving area
- 4) amendment of the liquor license for the premises to include the new area
- 5) any amplified music be of such a nature that normal conversation can be heard over the music
- 6) approval good for a 12-month period; City review of conditional use at the time of their annual license renewal

At the September 11, 2000, Plan Commission meeting, one property owner across from the establishment was against the conditional use request and one neighbor directly behind the Iguana Club does not have any objection to the conditional use permit sought by the Iguana Club.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the extension of the licensed premises for the Iguana Club at 916 Maria Drive.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Inspection Report.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Adjournment - 6:25 P.M.

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