

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Monday, November 13, 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, for approval of the new operator s (provisional), manager s, taxicab driver s licenses and transfer "Class B" combination licenses.**

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Recommended rejection.

Nathan M. Wilson came in at 6:10 P.M.

**Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to deny the application for an operator/bartender s license for Nathan M. Wilson.**

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Chad T. Scroggins was present.

**Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, for denial of the application for an operator/bartender s license for Chad T. Scroggins.**

Mr. Scroggins feels the conviction date was not within the last two years. He was not available to come to court for an appearance and payment of the fine.

Police Captain Daubert stated the first violation was on July 24, 1999, and the conviction was on November 9, 1999. The second violation was on May 4, 2000, and the conviction was on May 23, 2000.

Ald. Molski said the Public Protection committee has to be fair to everybody and treat everybody the same when dealing with rejection of **operator/bartender s license applications. The committee goes by the Operator/Manager s License Application guidelines adopted by the Publ** Protection Committee and the Common Council.

Captain Daubert said that Mr. Scroggins may reapply in November 2001.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

**2. Request to increase fees on operator/bartender s and taxicab driver s license applications.**

**Ald. Sevenich feels the City s operator/bartender s license fees are low.**

Chairman Phillips noted that it costs approximately \$28.00 to process an application, taking into account the City Clerk s office time, the Police Department time, and the State fees on background checks.

Chairman Phillips is recommending a 3% fee increase for the next four years. The new operator/bartender s license will cost \$30.00, the two-year renewal will go up to \$35.00, and the one year taxicab driver s license will go up to \$30.00.

Rich Olsen, owner of the Checker Yellow Taxicab said the taxicab drivers provide valuable service to the community and service the poor people. The taxicab driver makes about \$6.00 an hour which includes tips.

Mr. Olsen feels there is a gross inequity in licensing bartenders and taxicab drivers. Bartenders are afforded a two-year renewal license while the taxicab drivers are only given a one year license.

Ald. Moore asked if there is an option.

Captain Daubert said there is no option.

**Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to postpone the rate increase on operator/bartender s and taxicab driver s license until next month**

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

**3. Community Christmas parade request - Friday, November 17, 2000.**

Ald. Sevenich voiced her concerns about the safety of the parade attendees. Last year the alderperson observed that a few people with small children are pressing forward into the parade. She is just voicing her concern for the safety of the spectators.

Captain Daubert said the Police Department will provide reflective vests to the organizers of the Community Christmas parade. These vests will then be distributed to the volunteers on the parade route.

Ald. Pazdernik stated he has never seen a problem before with the Christmas parade. He feels putting more rules on the organizers of the parade will complicate matters since the parade is only about four days away.

**Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the Community Christmas parade request for Friday, November 17, 2000, and that the organizers look at the safety issue of the spectators on the parade route.**

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### 4. Inspection Report.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### 5. Adjournment - 6:15 P.M.

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