

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**City Conference Room  
1515 Strongs Avenue**

**May 31, 2011  
5:00 P.M.**

**Mayor Andrew Halverson, Presiding**

**Roll Call:** Alderpersons Beveridge, Suomi, O’Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks and Moore.

**Excused:** Alderperson Suomi

**Also**

**Present:** City Attorney Molepske; City Clerk Moe; C/T Schlice; Gary Glennon; Joann Kronebusch; Matthew Brown.

**2. Consideration and Possible Action of Ordinance Amendment – Change the Waiting Period for Temporary “Class B” (picnic) Beer Licenses from 10 days to 4 days (Section 12.14(18)).**

Mayor Halverson noted the change in Section 2 of the ordinance amendment.

Ald. Molski asked if this change was done specifically for St. Joes.

Mayor Halverson replied that the change was done to accommodate St. Joes.

Ald. Brooks asked why it was set at ten days.

City Attorney Molepske said the City can set the waiting period for picnic beer license whereas the state statutes set the waiting period for picnic wine licenses. The council can go back to ten days if the alderpersons wish too.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if there was anyone from St. Joes that could explain what happened.

Joann Kronebusch, St. Joe’s Parish staff person, said that with all the transition and things going on it was missed.

Ald. O’Meara said he has no problem with the waiting period change as long as people abide by it.

Clerk Moe suggested that the Council could pass the amendment as is and then bring it back after summer for review.

Ald. Molski said she would like to see it brought back for review.

Ald. Trzebiatowski would like to see these groups apply for all their events at the beginning of the year.

Ald. Trzebiatowski **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to accept the change under 12.14(18) – to go from 10 days to 4 days.

Ald. Beveridge said he did not have a problem making special accommodations like this because this is a well established event and it is for a charitable organization. He would feel less comfortable if either of those factors were not there.

Ald. Wiza noted that we cannot grant an exception, we can only change the ordinance.

City Attorney Molepske agreed.

Ald. Wiza would like the change to be temporary.

City Attorney Molepske made suggestions as to how to change it.

Mayor Halverson raised concerns over having enough time for proper notification.

Ald. R. Stroik would be comfortable with the Public Protection Committee reviewing this again in June.

Ald. R. Stroik noted that they will not be selling wine this year, just beer.

Ald. M. Stroik suggested the ordinance take into consideration past history so those that have had an event for more than five years would have a waiting period of four days and new applicants would have to be on file for 10 days.

### **Call of the Roll:**

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Beveridge, O’Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks and Moore.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

### **3. Consideration and Possible Action of Special Class “B” / “Class B” Retailer’s License for St. Joseph’s Parish, 1709 Wyatt Avenue, for Parish Picnic on June 3-5, 2011, at St. Joseph’s Parish, 1709 Wyatt Avenue. Dave Hansen and Michael Kaczmarek licensed bartender on the premises.**

Ald. O’Meara **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the Special Class “B” Retailer’s License for St. Joseph’s Parish, 1709 Wyatt Avenue, for Parish Picnic on June 3-5, 2011, at St.

Joseph's Parish, 1709 Wyatt Avenue. Dave Hansen and Michael Kaczmarek licensed bartender on the premises.

Ayes: All, Nays: none, motion carried.

#### **4. Consideration and Possible Action on Designation of Official Newspaper.**

City Attorney Molepske said based on his conclusions and the prices listed, the lowest bidder is the Stevens Point Journal.

City Treasurer Schlice, referring to his handout, said based on the questions from the last meeting he added the column inches and characters per line. In each of the instances, although very close, the Journal was the lowest.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said it was his understanding that they cannot consider readability or the font that is used in making their decision.

City Attorney Molepske said not really as the statues refer to the lowest bidder.

Ald. Trzebiatowski **moved**, Ald. Molski seconded, to approve the Stevens Point Journal bid based on price.

Gary Glennon, General Manager of the Portage County Gazette, said they appreciate the patronage the City has given the paper in the past. He knows they are going to lose the contract; however, he wants the alderpersons to remember that without the Gazette the City would not have saved tens of thousands of dollars over the last seven years. The Gazette is accurate, they accommodate the City and notices are run when the City needs it, and they are locally owned and their money stays here.

Mayor Halverson appreciates and respects Mr. Glennon. He said if the City could take into account other qualitative measures within a certain percentage it would be helpful; however, the law in this case is very clear.

Ald. R. Stroik feels the City should ask the state to allow municipalities more flexibility to include other considerations when making these kinds of decisions.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Beveridge, O'Meara, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks and Moore.  
Nays: Wiza. Motion adopted.

#### **5. Adjournment 5:26 p.m.**