

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Monday, October 10, 2011 – 7:16 P.M.
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street

Present: Alderpersons: R. Stroik, Wiza, Slowinski, M. Stroik.

Excused: Alderperson Trzebiatowski

Also

Present: Mayor Halverson; City Clerk Moe; Alderpersons Suomi, Molski, and Brooks; Directors Schrader, Lemke, Ostrowski, and Halverson, Asst. Chief Kudronowicz; Assessor Siebers; Matthew Brown - Gazette; Cathy Dugan; Leigh Vang; Nyiaj Thong Vang; Reid Rocheleau; Barb Jacob

1. Recommendations on the License List:

A. New Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.

B. Special Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License for St. Peter's Catholic Church Fundraising Committee, 800 Fourth Avenue, Stevens Point for an Evening with Father Joseph: A Taste of India on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at St. Peter's Church – Kolbe Hall.

Asst. Chief Kudronowicz said he does not foresee any problems. He asked if this event would be held indoors.

Ald. Wiza stated that Kolbe Hall is indoors.

Asst. Chief Kudronowicz would like the area of the event further defined.

Clerk Moe said he will get more specifics and provide them for the Council meeting.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to approve.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

2. Request to Hold Event / Street Closings: Stevens Point Area YMCA, Annual Frostbite Road Race and Winter Walk on December 3, 2011. Request for Partial or Complete Closure of Portions of Fourth Avenue and Second Street. During the Beginning of the Race.

Asst. Chief Kudronowicz said this is an event that will require additional officers that will be working overtime.

Ald. Wiza asked if it has been considered to add up the costs and bill the event coordinators for those costs.

Asst. Chief Kudronowicz replied they have not been doing that but they will start to charge the event coordinators in 2012.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to approve the request.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

3. Creation of Ordinance Relating to Concealed Guns in City Owned Buildings (Sec. 8.20 of the RMC).

Asst. Chief Kudronowicz said Wisconsin residents can apply for a concealed carry permit starting on November 1, 2011. He said the permits would require a criminal background check and proof of hunter safety course. The Asst. Chief stated there are certain areas prohibited by state statutes.

Ald. Wiza noted that the park restrooms and lodges would have to be posted if firearms are not allowed. He also noted that Nature Treks leases an area in Iverson Park so they are exempt. The alderperson said Nature Treks would be responsible to post whether or not firearms and electronic weapons would be prohibited. He said these questions need to be presented to the City Attorney for further clarification.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the ordinance with the expectation of the questions being answered prior to Council.

Ald. R. Stroik asked once the signs are posted, does that increase the City's liability inside those public buildings. He asked how we would enforce it if someone has a concealed weapon. The alderperson asked if an area is posted and we did nothing to enforce it would the City be liable if something happens. He would like an answer to this question.

Mayor Halverson said another question is with the new DNR regulations specifically discussing the discharge of firearms on city owned land for hunting that no municipality shall restrict, infringe or prohibit the right of any individual to discharge a firearm for hunting purposes on city owned land which includes parks.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

4. Creation of Ch. 32 -Well Abandonment and Well Operation Permits and Amending Ch.18 – Plumbing Code of the RMC.

Director Ostrowski said the current Well Abandonment and Well Operation Permit is being removed from the Plumbing Code and will have its own code. He said this section needs to be updated with the new state statutes.

Ald. Wiza asked if there are any differences from the current code.

Director Ostrowski said the main difference is that a licensed pump installer or well driller needs to perform the abandonment.

Clerk Moe noted that the ordinance is in rough draft in terms of format and it will be updated for the Council meeting.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, approval.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

5. Request to Raise Chickens – 3263 Welsby Avenue.

Nyiaj Thong Vang, 3263 Welsby Avenue, would like to raise six to eight chickens. He said they only keep the chickens during the summer and then they eat them in the fall. He also stated they have a secure fence and area for the chickens.

Clerk Moe noted that everyone within 200' of the applicant was notified of the request.

Nyiaj Thong Vang submitted signatures from the neighbors.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if the neighbors support the request.

Nyiaj Thong Vang replied yes.

Ald. Wiza clarified that if this is approved, the chickens would be raised for eggs during the summer months and slaughtered in the fall.

Nyiaj Thong Vang replied yes. Mr. Vang stated they will not be raising any chicks.

Ald. Wiza asked if there is a city ordinance against slaughtering animals within the City.

Clerk Moe replied he is not aware of any but it will be looked into.

Ald. Wiza asked that a plan be presented before Council.

Clerk Moe said they are also in contact with Mr. Vang's insurance company to verify that he has insurance.

Ald. Wiza asked if the tenth district alderperson received any feedback regarding this request.

Ald. Brooks said the only contact was the initial request from the applicant.

Ald. Wiza asked if the City has considered an ordinance addressing these requests.

Ald. R. Stroik said the ordinance for raising chickens has not been pursued at this point.

Ald. M. Stroik asked if summertime should be further defined.

Ald. R. Stroik asked the applicant if he currently has any chickens.

Nyiaj Thong Vang replied he will not have any chickens until spring.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to postpone action on this until the next scheduled meeting and at that time have clarification on the slaughter language, site layout, confirmation of the neighbors' approval and insurance.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

6. Monthly Inspection Report.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the Report and place it on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

7. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 7:38 p.m.