

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 6PM

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Regina Hirsch, Michael Engelberger, Eric Hohol, and Tim Swadley

Guests: Lisa Schimelpfenig, Pat Conlin, Lana Kropf, Matt Roethe, Bill Brehm, Dennis Mandt, Daniel Kelly, Nick Brattlie, Nicholas Myers, Nicole Stewart, and Lynn Hull

Call to Order: Engelberger called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Communications:

Hirsch stated that she had received many complaints from citizens regarding the pig wrestling that take places and the Stoughton Junior Fair. She wondered if the was something that could be handled by the committee. Lieutenant Conlin explained that it was a fair sanctioned event and that the City had no involvement with it.

Approval of the Public Safety Committee Minutes from April 22, 2015

Motion by Swadley, to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2015 Public Safety Meeting, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 4-0.

Request from the Town of Deerfield to be included with the Stoughton Municipal Court

Dennis Mandt addressed the committee regarding the Town of Deerfield possibly becoming a part of the Stoughton Municipal Court system. As a town they do not have their own police and would need a municipal court system to issue citations for any ordinance violations. The town recently passed an ordinance relating to nonmetallic mining and blasting. Mandt also explained that while the Dane County Sheriff's department had handled these complaints in the past, the town would have to pay an approximate \$78,000 a year. Judge Roethe explained that his main concern with the extra work taken on by the Court Clerk. Hohol advised that the resolution from the Town of Deerfield should be forwarded to Mayor Olson and to the town board chairs in the bordering municipalities. No action was taken on this item.

Application for an Operator's License : Nicholas Myers

Motion by Hohol to go into closed session, second by Swadley. Motion passed by a roll call vote 4-0. The Public Safety Committee went into closed session at 6:32pm.

Motion by Hohol, to reconvene into open session, second by Swadley. Motion passed by a roll call vote 4-0. The Public Safety Committee reconvened into open session at 6:41pm.

Motion by Hohol, to table the application and to issue a full refund of the application fee back to the applicant, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 4-0.

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Application for an Operator's License: Nicole Stewart

Motion by Hohol, to go into closed session, second by Hirsch. Motion carried by a roll call vote 3-0. The Public Safety Committee went into closed session at 6:44pm.

Motion by Hohol, to reconvene into open session, second by Hirsch. Motion carried by a roll call vote 3-0. The Public Safety committee reconvened into open session at 7:08pm.

Motion by Hirsch, to change the operator license to a one year license from a two year, no second was offered. Motion failed for a lack of second.

Motion by Hohol, to refer to Council and to recommend denial, second by Engelberger. Motion passed 2-1.

Request for a change to include a "Class A" Liquor for both Kwik Trip Store #738 & Kwik Trip Store #739 and request for a change to include a "Class A" Liquor for Jagat Petroleum, LLC d/b/a JP Market

Both items were combined for discussion. Chief Leck offered a memo and an explanation for his decision in his absence from the meeting. Chief Leck's memo stated that he felt that the aforementioned convenient stores should not have alcohol for children's safety. The Committee was very concerned with the possibility of children being able to shop lift small bottle of liquor. Clerk Kropf explained that the Kwik Trip liquor storage would be behind the customer counter, next to the tobacco products.

Motion by Hohol, to table the license application and request that the Police Chief and Lieutenant reevaluate the license applications and store layouts, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 3-0.

Liquor License renewals for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Clerk Kropf explained that these license are renewals for the new licensing period and that nothing had changed from last year.

Motion by Hohol, to approve the licenses and to send to Council for approval, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion and possible action on DaneCom Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement

Lt. Conlin explained that the City wouldn't need to sign a new agreement. No action as taken on this item.

Discussion on Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License and Special Event License for Catfish River Music Festival

Bill Brehm from the Opera House addressed the committee and discussed the parameters of the festival. He explained that the Stoughton Friends of the Opera House have implemented best practices and will be increasing the signage in the park area. The committee was concerned with the pond in Rotary Park. Hohol asked for the CVMIC policy regarding the fencing around the pond, to be brought to the next meeting.

Motion by Hohol, to approve the Temporary Retailer's and Special Event license for the Catfish River Festival, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 3-0.

Request to eliminate charges for ambulance services when there is no patient transport

Lisa Schimelpfenig addressed the committee regarding a complaint from a citizen. The citizen was upset that his wife was charged for an ambulance visit even though she wasn't transported. Schimelpfenig explained that state law requires that EMS take an ambulance to any call that they receive. She also explained that almost all EMS services bill for a no transport call. The cost for EMS to go on a call is approximately \$500 and the Stoughton EMS charges \$150 for a no transport call. Hohol suggested that the billing cost of a no transport call be reevaluated and possibly increased.

Motion to deny the request to eliminate charges for ambulance services when there is no patient transport, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 3-0.

Future agenda items:

- CVMIC Policy regarding fencing around the Rotary Park storm water retention pond
- "Class A" liquor license applications for Kwik Trip # 738, Kwik Trip # 739, and JP Market
- 5K Run for Children's Hospital
- Town of Deerfield addition to the Stoughton Municipal Court system

Adjournment

Motion by Hirsch to adjourn the meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Engelberger. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.