

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 6PM

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Regina Hirsch, Michael Engelberger, and Tim Swadley

Guests: Gurinderdeep Dhillion, Police Chief Greg Leck, Phil Hamm, Amy Jo Gillingham, Dennis Mandt, Jonathon Walters, Debbie Tomczyk

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

Communications:

- **Discussion on CVMIC letter regarding Rotary Park Pond**
Human Resources & Risk Management Director Amy Jo Gillingham addressed the committee regarding the CVMIC assessment of the Rotary Park Pond. She noted that CVMIC had come to assess all of the retention ponds on June 5, 2015. She stated that when they completed their assessment they noted that all of the requirements of the City had been fulfilled. Hirsch questioned if the City would ever be able to put up a small retaining wall around the pond for safety. Gillingham noted that CVMIC has advised against that practice as it would encourage children to climb on the structure and if one pond was to have a wall then all of the ponds would need to have a wall. Hirsch asked if it would be possible to install a small fence around the pond. Gillingham noted that she would reach out to CVMIC with that question and would report back in August.
- Chief Leck noted that he will be having several officers in his department retire. The first one to retire will be David Vogel, who will be officially retired on September 4, 2015. He also noted that the Stoughton Police Department will have its very first Citizens' Police Academy. This would be a nine week program that would be held one night a week, where citizens can participate in a "mock" police academy. He noted that it would be purely for educational purposes and strongly recommended that the Alderpersons participate.

Request by Chief Leck to move item # 7 to item #2

Application for an Operator License: Walters, Jonathon

Jonathon Walters addressed the committee regarding the denial of his Operator's License. He explained that he had received an operating while intoxicated charge in December 2014. He noted that he had completed all of his requirements with his arrest and he needed to have his operator license to do his job as a business manager. Chief Leck noted that while Walters had met his requirements of the violation, his recommendation was still to deny. Swadley and Engelberger mentioned that they typically follow the chief's recommendations in these situations. Hirsch wanted to allow him to have a one year license as a type of probationary period.

Motion by Swadley, to deny the request and to send to Council, second by Engelberger. Motion carried 2-1, with Hirsch voting noe.

Approval of the Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes from June 15, 2015 and June 24, 2015

Swadley noted that the minutes of June 24, 2015, the discussion for a "Class A" liquor license was only for Jagat Petroleum, LLC and not the Kwik Trips Stores. Clerk Kropf noted that she would make that change.

Motion by Swadley, to approve the Public Safety Committee Minutes from June 15, 2015 and June 24, 2015, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 3-0.

Request for a change to include a “Class A” Liquor for Jagat Petroleum, LLC d/b/a JP Market

Gurinderdeep Dhillion, from JP Market, explained that he wanted to have a “Class A” liquor license as well as his current Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage license. He explained a drawing outlining where he wanted to have his liquor area of the store. He concluded that this area would only be accessible through the store, would have video surveillance, and would have a separate cash register for all of the liquor transactions. Swadley and Engelberger were both concerned with the lack of an outer door from the liquor area. They felt that the area should be constructed as a separate store, rather than a store within a store. Chief Leck explained that the way that it was currently presented would be an ideal layout to hinder robbery and theft. Hirsch agreed with the Chief’s statement. Chief Leck went on further to explain that it has not been the practice of the City of Stoughton to allow convenient stores to sell alcohol. Engelberger and Swadley agreed with Chief Leck’s assessment.

Motion by Swadley, to deny the request and to send to Council, second by Engelberger. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Dennis Mandt, from the Town of Deerfield, addressed the committee about his previous request that the Town of Deerfield be included in the Stoughton Municipal court. He also indicated that at the last meeting he mentioned that the town has approximately fifty violations a year with the non-metallic mine blasting and that the actual number of violation was closer to five. Swadley noted that Judge Roethe would be the person who would have to decide if that extra work load is something that he could handle. Hirsch stated that Judge Roethe would also have to determined the impact on the Court Clerk and determine if her job position would have to change from part time to full time due to the extra cases. Engelberger noted that the committee couldn’t make a recommendation to Council without a determination from Judge Roethe. He then advised the members from Town of Deerfield to contact Judge Roethe to obtain his decision.

Motion by Swadley, to table this item until the August Public Safety Meeting, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 3-0.

Pedestrian Safety Discussion

Clerk Kropf explained that this was a request made by the Mayor on behalf of a citizen.

Motion by Swadley, to table this item until the August Public Safety Meeting, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 3-0.

The committee took a recess at 7:24pm.

The committee reconvened at 7:27pm.

Request for a license change to include a “Class A” Liquor License for Wal-Mart Stores East, LP d/b/a Wal-Mart #1176

Debbie Tomczyk, Wal-Mart’s attorney, addressed the Committee about the building concept for the liquor store within the new Wal-Mart. She noted that the proposal was to have the liquor store be constructed as a building within a building. She stated that having the liquor store contained within the Wal-mart building, rather than it having its own entrance/exit, would allow for an extra security standpoint to avoid theft. Phil Hamm, the current manager of the Stoughton Wal-Mart, noted that the

liquor store area would have all of the alcohol contained within it and there would be no alcohol in the rest of the store. He also noted that the liquor store would have its own cash register and would be fully staffed during the hours of sale. Swadley stated that he would like to have all alcohol displays contained within the liquor store portion. He also noted that he wanted the liquor signage to be more discreet and did not see any issue with the liquor store within the store. Hirsch indicated that she would feel more comfortable if the liquor store had its own set of doors, rather than a gate that would go across the entrance for after the hours of sale. Engelberger stated that he was opposed to the liquor store not having its own entrance/exit and would no vote in favor of this concept.

Motion by Hirsch, to approve the building concept plan with the changes set forth by the Public Safety Committee, second by Swadley. Motion carried 2-1, with Engelberger voting no.

Adjournment

Motion by Hirsch to adjourn the meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Swadley. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.