

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Chair, Michael Engelberger, Alderpersons, Regina Hirsch, Scott Truehl, and Mayor Donna Olson

Guests: Fire Chief Scott Wegner, Lieutenant Dan Jenks, EMS Director Lisa Schimelpfenig, Tricia Suess, and Ingrid Thompson

Call to Order: Chair Engelberger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Communications: Mayor Olson explained that the railroad crossing signals on E Main Street are set to be updated by the Railroad Commission no later than December 31, 2017 at no cost to the City.

Approval of the December 16, 2015 Public Safety Minutes:

Motion by Truehl, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015 Public Safety Meetings, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 4-0

EMS Quarterly Financial Update

EMS Director Schimelpfenig gave the Public Safety committee a detailed description of the fourth quarter expenditures and call list for the EMS department.

Discussion of outdoor furnace use at 556 E Main Street

Committee discussion consisted of a set date to end the use of outdoor furnaces in the City. This ordinance was previously brought to Council without a set date. The committee recommended that the ordinance state that the use and removal all outdoor furnaces be no later than May 1, 2016.

Motion by Truehl, to send the updated ordinance, to state that all outdoor furnaces cease use and must be removed no later than May 1, 2016 to the Council for approval, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 4-0.

Request for a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License for the Stoughton Area Chamber of Commerce for the Syttende Mai Celebration

Tricia Suess of the Stoughton Area Chamber of Commerce explained that this is the second year that the Chamber is requesting this license for Syttende Mai. She noted that the beer garden area will be in the Uniroyal parking lot as it was in the previous year and it will be open on Friday, May 13, 2016 and Saturday, May 14, 2016. She explained further that amplified music will be playing on Saturday, however the music will cease no later than 10 p.m. Lieutenant Jenks reviewed the request and everything was in order for the event, per ordinance.

Motion by Truehl, to approval the issuance of the Special event License and Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License for the Stoughton Area Chamber of Commerce for the Syttende Mai celebration, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 4-0.

Request for a "Class A" Liquor License (Cider Only) for PDQ Food Store, INC d/b/a PDQ Store #132

Lieutenant Jenks explained that this is a new license for the PDQ Store and that the City has issued several license to other businesses with no issues.

Motion by Hirsch, to approve the issuance of a "Class A" Liquor License (Cider Only) to PDQ Food Stores, INC, d/b/a PDQ Store #132, second by Truehl. Motion carried 4-0.

Application for an Operator License: Danielle Rago

Application was denied by Chief Leck based on a felony conviction from February 2015. Applicant was not present at meeting.

Motion by Truehl, to deny the application for an Operator license to Danielle Rago, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 4-0. Will be forwarded to Council as a denial.

Application for an Operator License: Robert Lannoye

Application was denied by Chief Leck based on an unpardoned felony charge from 1984. Mr. Lannoye addressed the committee and explained that the charge was from 32 years ago and that he has become involved in the local church.

Motion by Hirsch, to approve the application for an Operator license to Robert Lannoye, second by Truehl. Motion was tied with a vote of 2-2, with Engelberger and Olson voting no. Will be forwarded to Council as a denial.

Ordinance- Public Nuisance

Ingrid Thompson requested that the committee add language to Ordinance Chapter 58 section 10 to include the word bushes. She further explained that the neighboring property to hers has been vacant and that the hedges/ bushes have been overgrown. She feels that stronger language within the ordinance will give the City more authority to cite any violations.

Motion by Truehl, to add the word "bushes" to the Ordinance Chapter 58 Section 10 and to send to Council for approval, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion regarding parking issues on Main Street

Chief Leck explained that this item is not ready to be discussed at this time.

Discussion regarding Best Practices for Temporary Liquor License

Chief Leck explained that this item is not ready to be discussed at this time.

Discussion regarding Downtown Snow Removal

This issue was discussed at the joint meeting of the Public Safety and Public Works committee on January 19, 2016, but it needs further discussion. The committee would like to have another joint meeting to discuss further and to notify business owners by mail prior to the meeting.

Future agenda items:

- Neighborhood Watch Procedures
- Best Practices for Temporary Liquor Licenses
- Parking Issues on Main Street
- KPW Phase II Access Concern
- Downtown Snow Removal (joint meeting with the Public Works Committee)

Adjournment

Motion by Truehl, to adjourn the meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting of the Public Safety Committee adjourned at 7:24 p.m.