

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Michael Engelberger, Greg Jenson, Dennis Kittleson, Scott Truehl, and Mayor Donna Olson

Guests: Police Chief Greg Leck, Clerk Lana Kropf, Regina Hirsch, Christopher Cook, Tonya Vike, Brooke Vike, Karen Vike, David Eugster, Kathy Vike, Tricia Suess, Teresa Pellett, Tim Vike and Brett Fankhauser

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

Communications: Chief Leck explained that a new parking ordinance to repeal the 10 minute parking spot on the 200 block of E Main will be sent to Council without Committee discussion. This ordinance change is to adhere to the newly adopted parking ordinance on the 200 block of East Main Street.

Mayor Olson announced that DaneCom will be going live in October 2016.

O-9-2016- Amending Chapter 58 of the Municipal Code: Public Nuisances- relating to Public Nuisances affecting peace and safety (bushes & hedges)

Engelberger explained that this ordinance had come to the public safety committee and was originally approved and sent to Council with the addition of section 15. At Council, it was referred to the Tree Commission and that commission agreed to remove section 15 and send back to Public Safety for consideration.

Motion by Truehl, to recommend the ordinance change to the Council with the section 15 language added, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion regarding downtown parking restrictions

Committee discussion included the need for a parking study of the downtown district and a survey with the downtown businesses. Committee decided to have a joint meeting with the Public Works Committee on June 21, 2016 to discuss downtown snow removal and parking. The committee directed the Clerk to send notices to building owners and tenants, and to place a notice in the Hub.

Discussion on Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's license Best Practices

Chief Leck explained that he is working on the Best Practices to bring for Committee consideration.

Approval of the April 27, 2016 Public Safety Minutes:

Motion by Truehl, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 Public Safety Meeting, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 5-0

Liquor License renewals for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Clerk Kropf explained that the renewals are for the current license holders and that there weren't any significant changes from last year to this year. Police Chief Leck explained that the Police Department conducted walk throughs of the establishments and found nothing out of order.

Motion by Truehl, to approve the liquor license renewals for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, second by Jenson. Motion carried 5-0.

Request for a “Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage License for Vikester Holdings, LLC d/b/a The Nauti Norske located at 324 S Water Street

-Discussion and possible action of license for building premises

Clerk Kropf explained that the license for this business would be discussed in two parts, first for the building of the premises and then the outdoor consumption area. Police Chief Leck explained that everything seemed to be in order with the building and recommended approval. Clerk Kropf explained that what the Clerk’s office needed was in order, except the seller’s permit number being give to the Clerk’s office.

Motion by Truehl, to approve the “Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage license for Vikester Holdings, LLC d/b/a The Nauti Norske at 324 S Water Street, for the building premises only, contingent upon the Clerk’s office receiving their seller’s permit number, second by Kittleson.

Motion carried 5-0.

-Discussion and possible action of outdoor area attached to licensed premises

Police Chief Leck explained that the outdoor area was being considered separately because the City’s current ordinance does not allow for an outdoor area to be licensed if the area is larger than 50% of the square footage of the attached licensed premises. The current outdoor area as proposed would be close to the actual size of the building. Committee discussion included the necessity to amend the current ordinance to strike out the language explaining that the outdoor area cannot be larger than 50% of the square footage of the licensed premises. Committee directed staff to make the necessary changes to the ordinance and to hold a special Public Safety Committee meeting prior to the June 14, 2016 Council meeting to discuss the ordinance amendment.

Discussion and possible action regarding the creation of an Anti-Bullying Ordinance

The request came to the committee to review based on a request from a citizen. This citizen explained that her daughter was the target of bullying and that the school didn’t have the resources to correct the behavior outside of the school. Police Chief Leck explained that Shawano and Monona had adopted ordinances relating to anti-bullying. The Committee directed staff to discuss the creation of an ordinance with the school district and to create an ordinance for Stoughton that discusses anti-bullying along with cyber bullying and bring back to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

The committee took a recess at 8:06 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

Request for a Special Event License and Temporary Class “B”/ “Class B” Retailer’s License for the Friends of the Stoughton Opera House for the event of the 2016 Catfish River Music Festival

Police Chief Leck explained that this is an annual event and there have not been any problems in the past

Motion by Truehl, to approve the Special Event License and Temporary Class “B”/ “Class B” Retailer’s License for the Friends of the Stoughton Opera House for the event of the 2016 Catfish River Music Festival, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion regarding Deak's site plan for revised parking lot relating to on street parking

Truehl explained that this item has come from the Planning Commission regarding a new parking lot for Deak's. The Planning Commission wanted the Public Safety Committee to review due to the possibility of street parking implications. Chief Leck offered a restriction that would not allow parking on the street within 30 feet east and west of the driveway of Deak's, to help with visibility for those trying to come on to the street.

Motion by Truehl, to adopt the Police Chief's parking recommendation, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 5-0.

Future agenda items:

- Neighborhood Watch Procedures- presentation by Sgt Hartwig
- Leaf Burning added to ordinance
- Liquor Best Practices for Temporary Retailer's Licenses
- "No Hit" Zone explanation/ presentation- Amy Brown/ WI District Attorney's Office
- Outdoor Area for Vikester Holdings, LLC
- Anti-Bullying Ordinance
- Joint Meeting with Public Works Committee to discuss snow removal and parking in the downtown district

Adjournment:

Motion by Jenson, to adjourn the meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Truehl. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting of the Public Safety Committee adjourned at 8:32 p.m.