

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Chair, Michael Engelberger, Alderpersons, Greg Jenson, and Dennis Kittleson

Absent: Scott Truehl and Mayor Olson

Guests: Bonnie Mezger

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

Communications:

Police Chief Leck explained that he has been working with Cheryl Price at Sandhill Elementary School to install "buddy benches". He said that the idea goes hand in hand with the City's no hit policy. The benches would allow children, who may not have anyone to play with at recess, to sit and other children would identify that student needs a playmate. Leck explained that the Police Department is currently fundraising money to purchase more for Fox Prairie and Kegonsa Elementary schools.

Engelberger explained that while attending a presentation by the Wisconsin District Attorney's Office, Ismael Ozanne noted that the City of Stoughton is the first City in the country to adopt a "No Hit Policy."

Approval of minutes from September 28, 2016 and December 21, 2016 Public Safety Meetings:

Motion by Jenson, to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2016 and December 21, 2016 Public Safety meetings, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 4-0.

Request for a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License for Stoughton Chamber-Syttende Mai Committee:

Laura Trotter, from the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce, explained the 2017 proposed Syttende Mai event. She explained that everything was the same as the previous year, other than the layout of the entertainment and beer sales area. Chief Leck explained that he had met with the committee and reviewed the applications. He saw no issues and recommends approval.

Motion by Jenson, to approve a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License for Stoughton Chamber-Syttende Mai Committee and recommend to Council, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion regarding Vehicle Noise Violations:

Bonnie Mezger had requested that the committee discuss the issue of vehicle noise violations. She explained that she has noticed that there are several vehicles in her neighborhood that are excessively loud. She explained that most, but not all, seem to be coming from the school and are present during the high traffic times of when school starts and ends. Chief Leck explained that the City does currently have ordinances against excessively loud vehicles, but the officers do not always have the ability to enforce it. He thanked Ms. Mezger for making the situation known and noted that he can now ask officers to pinpoint and correct the behavior of the violators.

Request for a premise transfer for a Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage License from Wal-Mart Stores East, LP:

Clerk Kropf explained that Wal-Mart stores had requested a transfer of their Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage License from the current store location to the new store location. This transfer would have an effective date of March 15, 2017 to match the store’s grand opening date. She noted that a provisional license will be issued in the interim, so Wal-Mart can stock, but sell prior to the official opening.

Motion by Kittleson, to approve the premise transfer for a Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage License from Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and recommendation to Council, second by Jenson. Motion carried 4-0.

Future agenda items:

Downtown Parking Review

Signage of thin ice on the Yahara River

Motion by Jenson, to adjourn the January 25, 2017 meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.