

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 22, 2017  
Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

**Present:** Chair, Michael Engelberger, Alderpersons, Greg Jensen, Dennis Kittleson, Mayor Donna Olson (arrived at 6:20pm), and Police Chief Greg Leck

**Excused:** Alderperson Truehl

**Guests:** Sylvia Lawrence, Teresa Pellett, and Brent Kooima

**Call to Order:** 6:01 p.m.

### **Communications:**

Police Chief Leck reminded the committee of the upcoming liquor license review process. Along with this, Chief Leck reported to having one problem establishment during this current licensing period and suggested that the committee have the licensee come in and speak to them regarding the issues. The committee requested that the licensee be ordered in to the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Kittleson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jensen to approve the minutes from the 2-22-17 meeting. Motion passed 3-0

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

- 3. Request for a Special Event license & Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Sustainable Stoughton.**

**Motion by Jensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kittleson to approve issuance of the license. Approved 2-0 with Engelberger recusing himself.**

- 4. Request for a Special Event license & Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Stoughton Duck's Unlimited.**

**Motion by Jensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kittleson to approve the license. Approved 3-0**

- 5. Discussion and Possible action regarding addition of a crosswalk and lighted pedestrian crossing signs on Amundson Drive (between Giles & Ridge St)**

Chief Leck reported that he was not completely clear what this request involved. The Mayor had received the request during an event at the Senior Center. The request was for a lighted crosswalk to be placed on Amundson Drive between Giles & Ridge Street. Chief Leck advised that there is not enough use to place a lighted crosswalk sign at the location and that the only option for a crosswalk was at Ridge Street. The committee stated that they would need more clarification on what was being requested and directed staff to get more details and return.

**6. Discussion and possible action regarding addition of lighted pedestrian crossing signs in the 1200 block of East Main Street (at Amundson)**

As with the previous item, the Mayor had received a request for a lighted crosswalk on E. Main Street at Amundson Drive. Chief Leck reported that the department had just received grant monies that include 2 lighted Crosswalk Signs. Chief Leck reported that this location had been previously identified as a need for the new signage.

**Motion by Kittleson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jensen to approve the placement of a lighted crosswalk sign on E. Main Street at Amundson Drive. Approved 3-0**

**7. Discussion regarding public vagrancy**

Aldersperson Jensen reported that he was hearing concerns from citizens regarding panhandling in the city. Chief Leck reported that it is occurring but very isolated at this time. Chief Leck added that we have a resident that has been fairly aggressive lately and the department has worked with the person. The person is not homeless and is currently receiving aid. This person usually panhandles for cash. Chief Leck reported that occasionally we will see a transient panhandler in town but nothing on a regular basis. The department checks on any panhandlers and reviews available services with them. Unfortunately, many of the panhandlers are only looking for cash to usually purchase drugs or alcohol.

Chief Leck advised the issue here is still very isolated and reports it is not much of a problem here. Chief Leck added that the department will continue to monitor it.

**Future agenda items:**

Downtown Parking Review

Liquor License Review (special review Whatever Bar)

Best Practices for Special Event Temporary Class "B" licenses

Moved by Jensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> By Kittleson to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Greg Leck, Chief of Police