

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Alderpersons, Greg Jenson, Dennis Kittleson, Scott Truehl and Mayor Olson

Absent: Kathleen Johnson

Guests: Police Chief Greg Leck, Clerk Lana Kropf, Theresa Pellet, Stephanie Pritchard, Sharon Wendland, Bell Brehm, and Danny Aaberg

Call to Order: Clerk Kropf called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Communications:

Clerk Kropf explained that the annual liquor license renewals were due in her office on April 17, 2017 and these license will be brought to the committee on May 24, 2017.

Chief Leck explained that the City installed new lighted pedestrian crossing signs at 5th and Main Street, in front of City Hall and would be installing similar lights in front of the east side Kwik Trip. He noted that a large portion of the funding for these lights has come from grants the City has received.

Election of Committee Chair:

Kittleson nominated Truehl to be the Public Safety Committee Chair. Motion carried 4-0.

Election of Committee vice Chair:

Jenson nominated Kittleson to be the Public Safety Committee vice Chair. Motion carried 4-0.

Set meeting dates and times:

Kittleson asked if the Committee could meet the same day, the 4th Wednesday of the month, but start the meeting at 6:15 p.m. to accommodate the Parks & Recreation meeting that it also held that night. The Committee agreed to hold the meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of minutes from March 22, 2017 Public Safety Meeting:

Motion by Kittleson, to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2017 Public Safety meeting, second by Jenson. Motion carried 4-0.

Request for a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License for Stoughton Area Resource Team:

Clerk Kropf explained this license request for the Stoughton Area Resource Team (START). She noted this license would be used at their annual celebration and fundraising event to be held on June 8, 2017 at the Stoughton Hospital. Both Chief Leck and Clerk Kropf recommending the license for approval.

Motion by Jenson, to approve the request for a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License for Stoughton Area Resource Team and send to Council for consideration, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 4-0.

Request for a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License for Stoughton Friends of the Opera House:

Clerk Kropf explained the license request from the Stoughton Opera House Friends Association to be used at the annual Catfish River Music Festival. Bill Brehm spoke to the license request and noted that there were no changes from the year before. He did noted

that this year's festival would be July 7, 8, and 9, 2017 and would closing the streets at noon on that Friday.

Motion by Jenson, to approve the request for a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License for Stoughton Friends of the Opera House and send to Council for consideration, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 4-0.

Request for a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for Skaalen Retirement Services:

Clerk Kropf introduced the license request to the committee. Representatives for the event spoke to the details of the request. They noted that the license would be used at the Stoughton Antique Mall for the June 10, 2017 Art Walk. They did note that there would be individuals stationed at the entrance/exit to make sure people did not take wine out the door with them.

Motion by Jenson, to approve the request for a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for Skaalen Retirement Services and send to Council for consideration, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and review of "Whatever Bar" located at 508 East Main Street, regarding increased police contact during current license term:

Chief Leck explained that this item was to simply discuss the concerns with the volume of police calls to respond to the Whatever Bar. He noted that within the current license period there had been a number of incidents. Danny Aaberg, the owner of the Whatever Bar, explained that a bartender had been identified as over serving and serving to underage individuals. He noted that this person has been fired and since the termination there have not been any problems. He also indicated that he is trying to hire staff based on credible staff recommendations. No action was taken.

Discussion of traffic and surveillance cameras:

Chief Leck explained that this agenda item was to give the committee a notice about the potential use of traffic and surveillance cameras. He noted that there would be select locations that the cameras could be moved to, as long as those areas had the proper power and internet connections. These cameras would give a live feed to the police dispatchers, but they could not issue citations based on the footage. He explained that he was looking for the committee's informal approval of the use of the cameras. The committee agreed that it is a great tool for the police and informally approved their use. No formal action was taken.

Review and possible action regarding amendment to Stoughton Municipal Code Section 14-40(k)(6)(b)- Permits for outdoor consumption at Class B Premise:

Limitations on issuance of outdoor permits:

Chief Leck explained that this request had come from the Nauti Norske and would allow amplified music in licensed outdoor consumption areas. Leck, Jenson, and Truehl spoke in opposition of the ordinance change. They fear that allowing amplified music would create problems throughout the community. Olson and Kittleson disagreed with not allowing amplified music in these areas. They would like to see a time frame where music could be allowed. The committee would like staff to explore the possibility of having amplified music in the outdoor consumption areas on a limited event basis. No formal action was taken.

Discussion and review regarding downtown parking:

Chief Leck gave a presentation regarding the current downtown parking. He outlined the current parking restrictions on Main Street and within the downtown parking lots. No action was taken.

Future agenda items:

Liquor License Best Practices

Signage of thin ice on the Yahara River

Angle parking on side streets

Motion by Kittleson, to adjourn the April 26, 2017 meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Jensonr. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.