

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Alderpersons, Greg Jenson, Dennis Kittleson, Scott Truehl and Kathleen Johnson

Absent: Mayor Olson

Guests: Police Chief Greg Leck, Clerk Lana Kropf, Theresa Pellet, Tricia Suess and Bobby Becker

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

Discussion and possible action regarding Operator License Application for Bobby Becker:

Chief Leck explained that he denied the application for this individual due to an unpardoned felony charge relating to controlled substances. Mr. Becker explained that he had not had any other issues or charges since this conviction. He is looking for his license so that he may work and make money. The Committee discussed concerns of an individual with that type of conviction working in a bar type setting. Becker noted that if he does not receive his license he will not be hired at that establishment.

Motion by Jenson, to deny the license for Bobby Becker and refer to Council for consideration, second by Kittleson. Motion to deny carried 4-0.

Communications:

Clerk Kropf explained that all licenses have been issued and printed and that all license holders were notified on June 16, 2017. All but eight licenses have been picked up and the holders that have not picked up their licenses have been contacted twice at this point. If the licenses are not picked up by 4:30 p.m. on June 30 then the establishments will be given a citation for failure to post.

Chief Leck explained that the Police Department will be holding its 3rd Annual Citizen Police Academy this fall. More information will be available on Facebook at a later date.

Approval of the May 24, 2017 Public Safety Committee Minutes:

Motion by Jenson, to approve the May 24, 2017 Public Safety Committee minutes, second by Johnson. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding application by the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce for a Special Event and Temporary "Class B"/ Class "B" Retailer's License for the Coffee Break Festival:

Chief Leck noted that this is an annual event and everything is in order.

Motion by Jenson, to approve the application by the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce for a Special Event and Temporary "Class B"/ Class "B" Retailer's License for the Coffee Break Festival and refer to Council for consideration. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding Stoughton Municipal Code 6-2 Keeping of animals, birds, and bee regulations; Specifically the keeping of bees:

Alderperson Jenson explained that this request had come to him. The committee agreed that more information on how other communities handle the keeping bees would be necessary before moving forward. The committee directed staff to contact other Cities and Villages on their processes for the keeping of bees and any licensing involved. This item is to come back to the committee in the future. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding procedure for issuing late fees to annual liquor license applicants:

Clerk Kropf explained that the current ordinance for liquor license does allow for the fining of applicants when the renewal paperwork is received late. The policy that is included in the packet reflects the ordinance, but the policy would outline the process the Clerk's office will follow. The committee did not like the provision that allowed for a five day grace period and agreed that it should be removed. The committee also wanted the City attorney to review the process and make sure it was compliant with the ordinance. Once the attorney has reviewed it, the committee would like to review it again at the next meeting. No action was taken.

Future agenda items:

Street Lights

Best Practices

Procedure for fining late Liquor License Applicants

Motion by Jenson, to adjourn the June 28, 2017 meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Johnson. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.