

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Ed Overland Room, City Hall

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

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Police Chief Greg Leck, Clerk Lana Kropf, Sheila Trentini, Rob Merkel, Alex Abel, Scott Wegner, and John Thompson

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

### **Communications:**

None

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

Clerk Kropf explained that she had amended the proposed policy per the committee's previous suggestions. Kittleson asked that the policy note that businesses will only be given a late fee per business day, and not just day. Clerk Kropf noted that she will make the change to the policy and then send a copy to every current liquor license holder. Jenson noted that this was a policy and did not need to go to Council for consideration.

Motion by Jenson, to approve the policy with the change that businesses will be fined per business day, second by Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Approval of the June 28, 2017 Public Safety Committee Minutes:**

Truehl indicated that the minutes noted Kittleson calling the meeting to order, but it should be Truehl.

Motion by Jenson, to approve the June 28, 2017 Public Safety Committee minutes with the corrections, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Discussion and possible action regarding application by the St. Ann's Catholic Church for a Special Event and Temporary "Class B"/ Class "B" Retailer's License for the St. Ann's Fall Festival:**

Chief Leck explained that this is an annual request for the church. He has not had problems in the past, and recommends approval.

Motion by Kittleson, to approve the St. Ann's Catholic Church for a Special Event and Temporary "Class B"/ Class "B" Retailer's License for the St. Ann's Fall Festival and recommend to Council for consideration, second by Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Discussion and possible action regarding issuance of Operator License to Sheila Trentini:**

Chief Leck explained his denial is based on the applicant having four prior OWI's. Trentini explained that she had bartended for thirty years prior and would like to continue to bartend at the Brickhouse.

Motion by Olson, to deny the operator license to Sheila Trentini and recommend to Council for consideration, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and possible action regarding application by Kwik Trip, Inc for a combination “Class A” Liquor and Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage License for Kwik Trip #893:**

Clerk Kropf explained that this application is coming from the new Kwik Trip located in the Kettle Park West Development. This license would allow the store to be able to carry intoxicating liquor, wine and beer. She noted that the next agenda item would allow the committee to consider just the approval of a Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class A” Liquor- Cider only license, as it has been the decision of the committee to not allow convenience store to carry intoxicating liquor. Jenson agreed that the committee and Council has not allowed other gas stations/convenience stores to carry intoxicating liquor and that they should maintain consistency.

Motion by Jenson, to deny the application by Kwik Trip, Inc for a combination “Class A” Liquor and Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage License for Kwik Trip #893, second by Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and possible action regarding application by Kwik Trip, Inc for “Class A” Liquor- Cider Only and Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage License for Kwik Trip #893:**

Clerk Kropf explained that the committee and Council has approved convenience stores to carry fermented malt beverages in the past and the “Class A” Liquor- Cider Only license would only allow the business to sell hard cider, not intoxicating liquor.

Motion by Jenson, to approve the application by Kwik Trip, Inc for “Class A” Liquor- Cider Only and Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage License for Kwik Trip #893 and recommend to Council for approval, second by Johnson. Motion carried 5-0. Kropf explained that a notice will be published in the August 3, 2017 Courier Hub and this will be before the Council on August 8, 2017.

**Discussion and possible action regarding application by Aldi, inc (Wisconsin) for a combination “Class A” Liquor and Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage License for Aldi 305:**

Chief Leck explained that based on the store’s proposed layout, without the “store within a store” option, he recommended denial of the license. The committee noted that it has been the past practice to only allow a Combination “Class A” Liquor license to stores that would have a separate area with its own point of sale, within the existing store. This was the case for the new Wal-Mart and the existing Pick N Save. Rob Merkel, with Aldi, Inc, noted that the store was too far in the construction process to change the layout to allow for a store within a store concept. Merkel noted that all Aldi stores only sell beer and wine. Wine is only allowed under a “Class A” intoxicating liquor license. The Committee suggested that the store either allow for a separate area for alcohol storage and sales or amend their license to allow for a Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class A” Intoxicating Liquor- Cider Only license. The Committee suggested to deny this item and to allow the Aldi’s corporate team to explore other options for the store.

Motion by Jenson, to deny the application by Aldi, inc (Wisconsin) for a combination “Class A” Liquor and Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage License for Aldi 305, second by Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and possible action regarding amending Chapter 70-176 (47) of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code; relating to parking restrictions in Business Park North:**

Chief Leck explained that this ordinance had been discussed and approved by the committee in 2014. Although approved by the committee, it was never given to Council to consider. This restriction has been imposed and signage has been posted. This ordinance would need to go to Council for approval, so that it may be codified.

Motion by Johnson, to approve the ordinance amending Chapter 70-176 (47) of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code; relating to parking restrictions in Business Park North and to recommend to Council for consideration, second by Kittelson. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and possible action regarding creating Chapter 70-176 (73) of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code; relating to parking restrictions on the 300 block of Taft Street:**

Chief Leck explained this request has come forward as a way to control stormwater flooding and water erosion. The cars that are allowed to park on the north side of Taft Street create a water barrier that allows for the flooding and erosion. Chief Leck noted that this would not affect any residential parking as there are no homes on that side of the street. Kittleson noted that the ordinance should indicate West Taft Street, instead of just Taft Street. Chief Leck agreed and noted that would be corrected before going to Council. Chief Leck indicated that he will be notifying all of the homeowners in that area, of the ordinance change, as well.

Motion by Kittleson, to approve creating Chapter 70-176 (73) of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code; relating to parking restrictions on the 300 block of West Taft Street and recommend to Council for consideration, second by Jenson. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and possible action regarding the amendment of Chapter 6-2.- Keeping of animals, birds, bee regulations; relating to the keeping of bees:**

Clerk Kropf explained to the committee that after the last meeting, she reached out to other cities and villages regarding their bee keeping ordinances and permitting, if it was allowed. She received ordinances from several communities and that they were in the packet for the committee to review. The committee reviewed the different ordinances from each municipality. Chief Leck recommended finding an ordinance that was easy to follow and not too restrictive, to be the guideline for the City's ordinance creation. The committee also noted that section 6-2, probably wouldn't be the section to be amended, but would send this to the planning commission for their determination/recommendation. Alderperson Johnson noted that she would review the ordinances and would bring back her findings to the next committee meeting. Once the committee had time to review and make any changes, the ordinance would need to go to Attorney Dregne for review as well. No action was taken.

Motion by Jenson, to adjourn the July 26, 2017 meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Johnson. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.