

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 @ 6:00 PM

Hall of Fame Room, Opera House Building (381 E Main Street)

### **Present:**

Greg Jenson, Jean Ligocki, Tim Riley, Mayor Swadley, Police Chief Greg Leck and City Clerk Holly Licht

### **Guests:**

Brian Johnson, Joesph Baird, Wendy Brigham-Abrouq, Teressa Pellet, Linda Schaefer, Callie LaPoint and Patrick Frisch

### **Absent and Excused:**

Ozzie Doom

### **Communications:**

- BBGs Compliance Checks- Wendy Brigham-Abrouq, the agent from BBGs, addressed the committee and stated that they have taken measures to prevent serving to minors. She said that they now require all bartenders to take the servers course and obtain a license from the City. She added that they now have a sign that has all the ID types and where the DOB is located and a sign that says the date for 21 year olds that they change daily. Chief Leck suggested also obtaining an ID scanner or downloading the ID scanner app to make it easier for bartenders or servers.

### **Discussion and possible action regarding a special event license and Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License for Stoughton Chamber of Commerce for the Coffee Break Festival**

Chief Leck noted that the event was similar to past years and that there had never been any issues with the event. Motion by Riley, second by Ligocki to recommend that the council approve a special event and temporary class b license for the Stoughton Chamber's Coffee Break Festival. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Discussion and possible action regarding an application for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License for J & S Nordic Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Cheesers, located at 183 E. Main Street**

Brian Johnson, the agent for Cheesers, stated that he had recently purchased the business. He said he would like to sell specialty wine and possibly beer to go along with the cheese. Chief said that that application was in order. Motion by Riley, second by Ligocki to recommend that the council approve a Class A Beer and Liquor license to J & S Nordic Enterprises, d/b/a Cheesers, located at 183 E Main St. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Discussion and possible action regarding a special event permit and potential Temporary Class B license or Temporary Premise Extension for Mershon's Cidery for the Wisconsin Craft Cider Tasting Event**

Clerk Licht said that she had received an application from Mershon's Cidery for a craft cider tasting. She noted that they are presenting 2 options: to either have it at Chorus Public House and a qualified group would apply for the Temporary Class B or they could temporarily extend their premises for the day.

Joseph Baird of Mershon's spoke and said that they would like to have the event at Chorus Public House and Madison Free Wheel Bicycle would be applying for the Temporary Class B license. He added that people would purchase a ticket on Event Brite and then would get a small glass to sample a variety of

Wisconsin's Ciders. He said that he had around 20 cider makers already committed to coming to event. Chief Leck suggested that they borrow an ID scanner from the Wellness Coalition for the event. He also added that the event will need to have licensed bartenders on premise serving. Baird stated that he expects around 500 people attend.

Motion by Riley, second by Ligocki to recommend that the council approve a Temporary Class B and a Special event license for the Wisconsin Craft Cider festival with the contingency that all required information is provided to the clerk. Motion carried 4-0.

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Stoughton Police Auxiliary Personnel**

Patrick Frisch of the Police Department gave the committee an overview of the program. He stated that they had many people who had graduated from the Citizens Academy that want to volunteer and assist the Police Department. He said that the Auxiliary Personnel would be able to help with traffic control, crowd control, and non-emergency events. He added the personnel would be clearly identified as auxiliary to not be confused with an officer. The personnel would have to go through a series of training.

The committee supported the police department going forward with the program. Chief Leck explained that it would likely need to go through personnel committee.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Downtown Lighting and Crosswalks on Main Street (East of Walgreens)**

Ligocki said that she was concerned about the safety of pedestrians crossing on HWY 51, specifically near Hamilton Street. A neighbor had seen a child almost get hit. It led to a conversation about how our crosswalks are not uniformly painted within the City. Ligocki said it was also hard to see some of the crosswalk paint because of the number of patches and dark marks. Chief Leck said that he would talk to Public Works about it and that after the construction on 51 next year it would be more visible. He added that the PD has one more set of flashing crosswalk signs that haven't been put up and this location could be an option.

Ligocki also mentioned that her neighbor had concerns about the lack of street lights in residential areas. Mayor Swadley said that he would communicate this to the Public Works Committee.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Riley, second by Jenson to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.