

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

**Present:** Chair, Greg Jenson, Alderpersons Kathleen Tass Johnson, Patrick O'Connor, Tim Riley, Mayor Swadley, and Police Chief Greg Leck.

**Guests:** Teresa Pellett, Linda Schaefer, Laura Trotter, Andrew Townsend, Alderpersons Regina Hirsch, and Phil Caravello.

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

**Communications:** Chief Leck gave a brief update on the latest Alcohol Compliance check conducted on 3-26-19. Chief reported much better results with 11 establishments checked and only three violation (Kwik Trip East & West, Viking Lanes). Det. Hill reported that many of the businesses were using ID scanners.

Chief Leck also updated the Committee on how he should not have reported staffing at full strength. We now currently have one officer on light duty due to a fractured wrist from a fall on ice during a foot pursuit.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business**

2. **Minutes of 2-27-19: Moved by Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> By: Riley, to approve the minutes of 2-27-19. Motion carried: 5-0**

3. Discussion and possible action regarding an application for a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B" Beer and Wine License from Sustainable Stoughton for the Erath Day Expo.

Alderperson Hirsch, represented Sustainable Stoughton explained this year's event to the Committee. Johnson asked if there was music planned at the event to go along with the alcohol service. Hirsch explained there is scheduled music.

**Motion to approve and recommend license O'Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Riley**

**Motion carried 5-0**

4. Discussion and possible action regarding an application for a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B" Beer and Wine License from Ducks Unlimited for the Fire and Ice Spring Banquet.

Andrew Townsend spoke on behalf of Ducks Unlimited and explained the event and purpose. Riley asked about the purpose of the fundraiser and Townsend explained that monies go toward wetland habitat and waterfowl restoration.

**Motion by O'Connor to Approve and recommend to council, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Riley .**

No further discussion. **Motion carried 5-0**

5. Discussion and possible action regarding application for a Special Event License and Temporary Class B Wine License from the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce for the Stoughton Wine Walk.

Chamber representative Laura Trotter explained the application for the Wine Walk, which will be the first in Stoughton, if approved. Trotter provided the details on the event. Leck advised the Committee that the license could not be approved without each premise description of the businesses involved. Let explained that the packet had contained considerable information on how Wine Walks are conducted, and the Statues that apply.

The committee then discussed the proposal. Teressa Pellett had previously sent an email to the committee for their consideration. Chair Jenson then addressed each item that Pellett had included in the email.

Trotter advised that should understood that the application could not be approved in its current form and was looking for agreement from the committee that they were okay with the concept. Mayor Swadley pointed out that there would be at least two new members on the Committee in April, following the spring election.

Jenson then pulled committee members and found that everyone was comfortable with the Wine Walk concept.

**No action taken.**

6. Discussion regarding Section 70-7 of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code- Street Storage Prohibited.

Johnson opened the discussion because of the concerns raised at the last meeting regarding 48 Hour Parking. Leck advised that he did run the statistical numbers from 2017-18. Leck reported that in 2017 there were 106 48 Hour Street Storage Citations issued. Leck added that that number increased to 216 in 2018. Leck attributed this increase to better efficiency by adding the Community Service Officer position. Leck stated that prior to the CSO position it was very likely that officers would not have time to check the log for several days due to other calls.

Leck then went onto explain that most violations are based on citizen complaints and/or officer observations. Leck advised that the procedure is that once a vehicle is suspected of violating the 48 Hour Street Storage, it is marked with chalk on a tire and put onto a log in our records system. Officers/CSO are then to routine check the log and go back to see if the vehicle is still there and unmoved. If the vehicle is unmoved, a citation is issued and the vehicle remains on the log. After another 48 hours, if the vehicle is still unmoved, a second citation is issued and the vehicle is subject to towing at the owners expense.

Johnson stated that since the issue had been raised at the last meeting, she wanted the committee to review the process. Johnson also added that since the complainant was not present, she was satisfied with the review at this point.

No further action taken.

**Future agenda items:**

Public Notification System as inquired by Alderperson Johnson.

Food Carts/Special Event Licensing

E. Academy Street safety

Police Auxiliary/Reserve Personnel

EMS Billing

Downtown Parking Enforcement

**Moved by O'Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> By Johnson to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Greg Leck, Chief of Police