

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

**Present:** Greg Jenson, Kathleen Johnson, Timothy Riley, City Clerk Holly Licht, Police Chief Greg Leck, and Attorney Matt Dregne

**Excused:** Pat O'Connor

**Guests:** Ryan Schultz, Lonny Pastorius, Rakesh Patel, Nisha Patel, Bonnie Richardson, and Danielle Boushea

**Call to Order:** 6:00 pm by Jenson

**Communications:** Police Chief Leck said that the police department has 3 new officers in field training.

### **Old Business:**

#### **2. Discussion and possible action regarding review of Alcohol Compliance check data.**

Police Chief Leck said that he would like to hold off on this because Pat O'Connor was the committee member who requested the information and he is absent.

**Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Riley to table. Motion passed 4-0.**

#### **3. Discussion and possible action regarding approving an Operator License for Ryan L. Schultz**

Police Chief Leck said that there was an error in Mr. Schultz's criminal record. The record showed a felony that he did not commit. He added that Mr. Schultz has 4 OWI convictions and still recommends denial. Mr. Schultz said that he doesn't drink often and goes to AA. He said that he works at the bar full time and would like to be licensed so that he can work alone. He added that the other bartenders have full time jobs and he is able to cover shifts that others cannot.

**Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Riley to approve. Motion carried 3-1 with Swadley voting 'no'.**

### **New Business:**

#### **4. Approval of the May 23, 2018 Public Safety Committee Minutes**

**Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Riley to approve. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### **5. Discussion and possible action regarding approving an Operator License for Danielle Boushea**

Chief Leck said that he recommends denial of the license due to offenses of drug paraphernalia and THC possession in 2018. Ms. Boushea said that she was trying to improve herself. She said that the offenses do not pertain to alcohol and her ability to work at the bar. She added that she made the mistake of getting caught and has not since the incident. Ms. Boushea said that she

wants to get her operator license so she can bartend at Whatever Bar so she can pay off her tickets and move out of her friend's basement. Johnson suggested that Ms. Boushea considering getting help from START. Ms. Boushea said that she had her CNA license, but her license has been revoked. She added that she had an incident while working at Nazareth.

**Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenson to deny the operator license. Motion carried 4-0.**

**6. Discussion and possible action regarding an application for a Special Event License and Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License form the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce for the Coffee Break Festival**

**Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Riley to approve. Motion carried 4-0.**

**7. HEARING on Intent Not to Renew the 2018-2019 Reserve "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License for Dhwani Lodging, LLC DBA Brickhouse**

Attorney Dregne verified with Mr. Patel that he received the summons. Mr. Patel said that he did. Attorney Dregne said that the summons indicated that the licensed premises has not been open since the fire occurred in August of 2017. Dregne asked Mr. Patel if he agreed that the premises had been closed since the fire which was more than 60 days. Mr. Patel said that was correct; the Brickhouse has not been opened since the fire.

Attorney Dregne said that there is a provision in the ordinance that allows the City to revoke or not renew a liquor license that has not been used for 60 days or more. He added that the Public Safety Committee is required to hold a hearing.

Mr. Patel said that the licensed premises has not been open since the fire because he has not been able to make the necessary repairs. He noted that the insurance company found asbestos. He added that the building inspector told him that he was in violation and needed to fix the electrical work. Riley asked if he had the financial means to fix the electrical work. Mr. Patel said that he did, but he needed to know what needed to be fixed. Jenson said that Mr. Patel needed to hire an electrician to do the work.

The committee and Mr. Patel discussed signing an agreement which would allow him to obtain the liquor license contingent upon the premises be reopened by September 1, 2018.

The hearing closed at 6:51 p.m.

**8. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2018-2019 Reserve "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License for Dhwani Lodging, LLC DBA Brickhouse**

**Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Riley to recommend that the Common Council approve the "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License for Dhwani Lodging, LCC DBA Brickhouse, subject to the condition that the licensed establishment be operating no later than September 1, 2018 or such later date approved by the Common Council and that the applicant enter into an agreement that the license will atomically terminate if the licensed establishment does not open by the agreed upon terms. Motion carried 4-0.**

### **9. Future Agenda Items**

Chief Leck said he would like to talk about the operator license policy at the next meeting and bring back the alcohol compliance check data. Mayor Swadley said that food cart policy should

### **Adjournment**

**Motion by** Riley, **2<sup>nd</sup> by** Riley to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. **Motion carried** 4-0.