

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Chair, Greg Jenson, Alderpersons Jean Ligocki, Ozzie Doom, Timothy Riley, and Police Chief Greg Leck.

Guests: Allen Sheets, Denise Duranczyk, Sharon Mason-Borsma, Lindsey Woodstock, and Erin Henderson.

Call to Order: Chair Jenson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Communications: Chief Leck gave a brief update on citizen response regarding Crossing Guards. Leck advised that he had placed a notice in the Stoughton School District Newsletter regarding the idea of moving the N. Page Street crossing guard and installing a flashing pedestrian sign at Grieg Trail. Chief Leck reported that he received one email from a parent and after discussion they understood the reasoning behind the proposal. To date no other comments have been received.

Old Business:

None

New Business

2. **Minutes of 10-30-19: Moved by Doom 2nd By: Ligocki, to approve the minutes of 8-28-19. Motion carried: 4-0**
3. Discussion and possible action regarding approving an Operator License for Erin Henderson.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. Motion by Ligocki, 2nd by Riley. Henderson arrived at 6:52pm and meeting was reconvened by Chair Jenson.

Leck reported his finding and advised that his recommendation for denial was consistent with Henderson's criminal history. Henderson presented her case to the Committee and clarified her history was due to a prior opioid addiction. Henderson discussed circumstances of charges and the Committee had numerous questions. Following discussion, the Committee felt satisfied and moved to vote.

Motion to recommend approval of license to Council, by: Riley, 2nd by Doom.

Motion carried 4-0

4. Discussion and possible action regarding approving an Operator License for Lindsey Woodstock.

Lindsey appeared and presented her information regarding why she was requesting the license and explained her pending case. Following discussion with the Committee, Lindsey decided to withdraw her application at this time. **No further action taken.**

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Downtown Parking (Requested by Denise Duranczyk).

Duranczyk outline for the Committee the actions of the Downtown Revitalization Committee and talked about issues with the timed parking ordinance. Duranczyk requested that the Committee look at timed parking in the downtown area in the future. Alan Sheets offered some ideas of possible expending parking hours downtown. Committee decided they would take a closer look at this at a future meeting.

Duranczyk also presented an idea of having a suspension of the 2 Hour time limit on parking downtown for the holidays. Jenson asked if the PD could just suspend enforcement during the time frame. Leck reported that this should be an action by the Council via resolution to avoid any legal issues. Committee then followed suggestions to write a resolution suspending 2 Hour Parking enforcement from November 29th, 2019 through January 1st, 2020.

Motion by Riley, 2nd by Doom to direct staff to create a Resolution recommend to the Council to suspend the 2 Hour Parking Ordinance, 70-186, from November 29th, 2019 to January 1st, 2020.

6. Discussion with Viking Lanes personnel. **No one present so no action taken.**
7. Discussion and possible action regarding Amending Ordinance 50-6 (b) by adding Nordic Ridge Park to the list of parks allowed to have alcohol possession under a special permit issued by the Parks Department.

Chief Leck advised that he had received a request to have Nordic Ridge Park added to the list of parks where alcohol is allowed. Alderperson Riley observed a typo correction needed in the last sentence to add Nordic Ridge Park in that section.

Motion by, Ligocki and 2nd by Riley to recommend to Council to approve the ordinance amendment.

Motion carried 4-0

The Committee then discussed what to do about the December meeting, which falls on Christmas Day. Committee decided to cancel the December Meeting

Future meetings topics; Continue discussion on Downtown Parking regulations.

Moved by Ligocki, 2nd By Riley to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Ligocki, 2nd by Riley to reconvene at 6:52 p.m. with the late arrival of Henderson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Ligocki, 2nd by Riley to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Leck, Chief of Police