

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, January 17, 2022, at 5:15 pm, (Council Chambers)

Members Present in Person: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Jim Wadinski, Dawn Herbst, and Becky McElhaney

Members Present by WebEx: Pat Peckham

Others Present: Tara Alfonso, Ben Bliven, Jeremy Kopp, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Mary Goede, Katie Rosenberg, John Chmiel, Adam Malzan, Ted and Margaret Boman

Minutes of previous meetings. (12/20/21)

Motion by Peckham, second by Herbst to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 12/20/21. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications.

Lisa Rasmussen indicated there was one Operator's License application recommended for denial for Reba Matelski. (It was noted she was not present.)

Rasmussen stated there was one new event called Wings Over Wausau Airshow in June at the Wausau Airport that has estimated a large attendance. John Chmiel, Airport Manager, explained Wausau Events is the sponsor of the airport is the location. It will take place over two days on Friday, June 24 with a larger scale event on Saturday, June 25th. He indicated negotiations have been entered into with Dacy Airshows who is doing all of the leg work for the airshow performers and working with the FAA. He stated Dacy has provided an example of an emergency plan to fill out and he will be working with Wausau Events on completing that in conjunction with Fire and PD. In addition to the airshow in the afternoon, there will be a car show in the Airport Park. He noted the food being featured is wings, working with local vendors. There will be music, fireworks in the evening, model airplanes, and aviation displays. He stated he was also trying to organize several of the airport tenants to do what is called a "parade of flight" with an MC to describe the plane pilot, and mission for educational purposes.

Rasmussen questioned if there will be outdoor alcohol at the event. Pete Valiska, Vice President of Wausau Events, confirmed they intended to serve alcohol. Rasmussen noted the airport is exempt from the beer fence requirement, so they can allow people to take their drink back to their chairs to watch the show.

Dawn Herbst questioned what type of security they'd have to ensure the alcohol isn't getting abused. Valiska indicated he met with the Police Department and discussed this event for security, emergencies and traffic issues. He stated Police and Fire will both have equal access to the airport. He stated they will be wrist-banding adults for alcohol service.

Motion by Herbst, second by Wadinski to approve or deny license applications as recommended by staff. Motion carried 5-0.

HEARING: Rent Abatement Request/Property Address: 509 W. Knox Street (Daniel R. Hempe II - Tenant; Your Neighbor Realty - Landlord)

Rasmussen explained the process of the hearing.

The meeting and full testimony can be viewed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyE7gPPjdp0>

Witnesses were sworn by the Clerk and testimony was provided by:

- Tenant, Daniel Hempe II (via WebEx)
- Adam Malzan, Inspections Department (submitted pictures of the property)
- Landlords, Ted & Margaret Boman

Testimony was followed by questions of the Assistant City Attorney Alfonso and committee members.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of considering the following: Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before the governmental body.

Motion by Wadinski, second by Herbst to convene in Closed Session. Roll Call Vote carried unanimously.

Reconvened into Open Session to announce results of deliberations on Rent Abatement request for 509 W. Knox Street (Daniel R. Hempe II - Tenant; Your Neighbor Realty - Landlord)

Rasmussen read the Findings of Fact, Decision and Order of the Public Health & Safety Committee which found the that the Tenant was eligible for rent abatement for certain rent impairing violations. *(On file in the Clerk's Office).*

Operations Report from Fire Department for December 2021

Report placed on file.

4th Quarter PD Operations Report / Tavern Activities Report - December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Police Chief Ben Bliven reported that Lt. Mike Felder had a meeting with the Cop Shoppe Pub owner and several bartenders on January 5th. They discussed a wide variety of things, including carding, age identification, how to handle tensions that exist there, when to call police, sober server, etc., to help mitigate some of the issues they are experiencing.

Communications

None

Adjourn

Motion by Wadinski, second by McElhaney to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.