

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, March 17, 2025 at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Lou Larson (VC), Becky McElhaney, Sarah Watson (arrived at 5:18 p.m.), Carol Lukens

Others Present: Matthew Barnes, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Kody Hart, Todd Beaten

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Approve minutes of previous meeting (02/17/2025).

Without objection, this item was tabled by the request of Rasmussen.

Watson was present for the rest of the meeting.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications.

Rasmussen stated Lakeem Gamez, applicant for New Bartender/Operator License, did not appear to appeal the denial recommendation. It was stated Krystin Vollmer and Tyasia Payton, applicants for New Bartender/Operator License, appeared to appeal the denial recommendation.

Rasmussen stated the applicants that appeared to appeal the denial recommendations could communicate with the Chief of Police to have the recommendation overturned. It was stated that a recommendation based on that communication would come at the next committee meeting.

Motion by Larson, second by Lukens, to approve or deny various license as recommended by staff with the exception of Kystin Vollmer and Tyasia Payton. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding a letter of concern for compliance issues at Jalapenos.

Rasmussen requested that the City Clerk send a letter of concern to the owners of Jalapenos to come before the committee at the next committee meeting.

Update on Request for Proposal for night shelter from the Wausau Police Department.

Rasmussen questioned where the recommendations on a night shelter would go. It was stated the direction given through resolutions stated the decision would rest with the Marathon County Administrator and to the Chief of Police of the City of Wausau.

McElhaney stated the results of a Joint City/County Task Force on Homelessness would be presented at a future date.

Discussion and possible action approving amendments to special event policy and application, implementing \$1.00 Public Safety Fee.

Watson questioned if this would apply to free events. It was stated this would only apply to ticketed events in which there is a charge for a ticket or a ticket is given away.

Motion by Larson, seconded by McElhaney, to approve the change to the policy and the update to the application. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation on equipment and technology for special events.

Rasmussen requested staff to work to make Capital Improvement Program requests for the new equipment discussed.

Tavern Activities Report - February 1 – February 28, 2025.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update.

Report placed on file.

Adjourn

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYoSlOS4kjU>