

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, May 19, 2025 at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Lou Larson (VC), Becky McElhaney, Sarah Watson, Carol Lukens

Others Present: Matthew Barnes, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Kody Hart, Tracy Durante

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

Consider approval or denial of various license applications.

Rasmussen stated Lindsey Adams, applicant for New Public Transport License, appeared to appeal the denial recommendation. It was also stated that Jamie Shoemaker, applicant for New Public Transport License, did not appear to appeal the denial recommendation.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to approve or deny the various licenses as recommended by staff with the exception of Lindsey Adams. Motion carried 5-0.

Larson stated that due to the evidence of rehabilitation provided by Adams and reviewed by the Chief of Police at the time of the meeting, the approval for Adams was recommended.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to approve the New Public Transport License of Lindsey Adams. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action approving amendments to special event policy and application regarding 400 Private Event Rentals.

Rasmussen stated that the expectation of reserving the 400 block in sections did not come to fruition which caused the discontinuation of this practice and the amendment to the policy.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Tavern Activities Report - April 1 - April 30, 2025.

Rasmussen stated that with the summer hours approaching establishments need to keep aware of noise and ensure they are operating without disturbance of the peace in their areas. Rasmussen requested that a letter be sent to establishment owners communicating relevant alcohol laws and noise ordinances with renewal licenses.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update.

Larson questioned if businesses in the immediate vicinity of the WMC Shelter had concerns about the shelter location. It was stated the Wausau Police Department was working with those businesses to address those concerns.

Rasmussen stated that resources to support the WMC Shelter should be outlined to the public to help engage in the effort of providing housing.

Report placed on file.

Adjourn

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kgAaE6EP44>