

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Chad Henke, Doug Diny, Lou Larson, Becky McElhaney

Others Present: Nathan Miller, Robert Barteck, Ben Bliven, Jeremy Kopp, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Mary Goede, Katie Rosenberg, Phil Rentmeester

Minutes of previous meetings. (7/18/22)

Motion by Larson, second by Henke to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications

Lisa Rasmussen stated there are no denials this month. She noted there is a Class A Beer & Liquor license application for a new owner of Pine Ridge Wausau and a Special Event application from Wausau River District for a Beer Walk.

Motion by Henke, second by Diny to approve the licenses as recommended by staff. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider request of Mary Gallagher, The Milk Merchant, 402 S. 2nd Ave, for temporary extension of premise for Italian Wine Tasting, on Thursday, August 18, 2022, for empty lot next door, across Clark Street

Lisa Rasmussen explained the Milk Merchant is requesting to be able to utilize the property behind the former Rainbow Laundry, which is across the street from them, where they will have Bocce Ball during their event..

Motion by Larson second by Diny to approve the temporary extension. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding Formal Expression of Concern - Jalapenos Mexican Restaurant & Bar (Jose Pineda Medellin)

Lisa Rasmussen noted there was some discussion about the issues at Jalapeno's last month when considering Mr. Medellin's request for a waiver of the hold on the license for outstanding debt to the city. She indicated the owner was invited to this meeting to make it a formal expression of concern for having reached 100 Demerit Points.

Jose Medellin addressed the committee stating his plan is to cross train his staff and is hiring new people. He indicated he has been spending more time on the premise to understand what lead to the incident and to have better control. He indicated he has some questions on situations that need clarification to discuss with the PD and is willing to have PD come in to train his staff.

Chief Bliven stated he has already sent an email to Lt. Mike Felder asking him to set up and meeting and he will be reaching out to him to do that.

Discussion and possible action on Wausau Fire Department contracting with the Wisconsin Emergency Management for involvement in Task Force-One

Chief Robert Barteck stated we have already entered into a agreement with the State of Wisconsin for our Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team (HAZMAT). This has allowed us to keep a very high-end Type 2 HAZMAT in our own community, funded mostly by the state. The Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, the division of Emergency Management, has been trying to stand up an Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Team for a number of years. This is a team specialized in all the high-end technical rescue disciplines that are needed in large disasters, such as 9/11. The state developed and deployed an Urban Search & Rescue Team in 2014 but didn't have a supply of steady funding for the team so it went away in 2019 and all the equipment sat at Volk Field. This team has been stood back up the state which wants to see it go from 85-person Type 3 team to a full FEMA deployable Type 1 team, the largest team available in the country, which would be 240 members strong.

Barteck explained they have 11 original Wisconsin Fire Departments that are supplying firefighters. The Fire Departments supply the labor and the state supplies the training to make specialized urban search and rescue technicians. In order to get to 240, they are requesting Fire Departments in the state to join in. He indicated we have an opportunity to have some Wausau firefighters be trained and become a part of Wisconsin Task Force One. The state will supply funds for back filling our employees at a rate of \$55 per hour to cover overtime. He indicated this would most likely be six to eight of our firefighters, including our Division Chief.

Motion by Larson, second by Diny to approve the participation in Task Force-One. Motion carried 5-0.

Operations Report from Fire Department July 2022

No discussion: report placed on file.

Tavern Activities Report – July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022

No discussion: report placed on file.

Communications

None

Adjourn

Motion by Henke, second by Larson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.