

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, August 18, 2025 at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

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

Members Excused: Becky McElhaney

Others Present: Matthew Barnes, Matt Kozloski, Justin Pluess, Shahn Kariger, Tracy Reiger

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Approve minutes of a previous meeting(s) (07/21/2025).

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications.

Rasmussen stated that Christopher Krahn, applicant for New Bartender/Operator License, had previously been recommended for denial and that due to the evidence of rehabilitation provided and reviewed by the Chief of Police, the approval for Krahn was recommended. Rasmussen noted that the Liquor License Review Subcommittee had met prior to the meeting and made a recommendation to approve the application for a Class “B” Beer & Liquor license for Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art located at 309 McClellan Street, license applicant MOCA Inc and for Asch Gardens located at 180 E. Wausau Avenue, license applicant Asch Properties LLC, owners Kristen and Matthew Aschbrenner.

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Watson, to approve or deny various licenses as recommended by staff with the exception of Christopher Krahn. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to approve the New Bartender/Operator License of Christopher Krahn. Motion carried 4-0.

Update on Community Care Paramedic program in the Wausau Fire Department.

Matt Kozloski, Community Care Paramedic, spoke on the Community Paramedic program in the Wausau Fire Department. Discussion was held. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action on proposal to adopt the most current edition of NFPA 1 – Uniform Fire Code.

Rasmussen stated it would make sense to be updated to the most current fire code to help in inspection and enforcement efforts.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to move the most current version of NFPA. Motion carried 4-0.

Tavern Activities Report - July 1 - July 31, 2025.

Rasmussen stated that establishments that have assessed demerit points of 100 or more are asked to come before the Public Health & Safety Committee to have a discussion on how to rectify the issues after a letter of concern is sent.

Rasmussen requested the Chief of Police to have a conversation with the owner of Hiawatha to communicate the need for having a licensed bartender on premise and the consequences of additional violations. It was also requested that the Clerk’s Office send a letter of concern to facilitate that conversation.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update.

Rasmussen requested a future report on the transition from the WMC Shelter to the opening of the Bridge Street Mission Shelter.

Report placed on file.

Adjourn

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.