

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:15 p.m., (Council Chambers)

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

Others Present: Mayor Rosenberg, Jeremy Kopp, Todd Beaten, Tara Alfonso, Tracy Rieger, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Mary Goede, Kody Hart

In compliance with Wis. Stat. s. 19.84, notice of this meeting was duly posted and sent to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

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

Minutes of previous meetings (8/21/23)

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

Consider approval or denial of various license applications

Peter Goetsch was recommended for denial for a Public Transportation Driver license and withdrew the application. Action on the determination for denying the Public Transportation Driver license for Emmanuel Reyes was not taken at the previous meeting to allow Reyes to provide additional evidence showing rehabilitation. Reyes did not provide additional evidence of rehabilitation to the clerk in the time since and was not in attendance.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Diny, to approve or deny licenses as recommended by staff. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider Central Business District Obstruction Permit Applications - The Chocolate Shop, 532 S 3rd Ave and Forward Beverage Co, 303 N 3rd St

Henke questioned if Forward Beverage Co was providing beer in kegs on the sidewalk as kegs were drawn in the plan to be utilized. The company will be providing non-alcoholic beverages thus the kegs in the drawing will likely be empty and for display only.

Motion by Henke, seconded by Diny, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on creating Section 12.44.055 Block parties as a result of sunset/auto-repeal of original ordinance on November 1, 2023, at 12:01 a.m.

Henke questioned if currently the licensed premises are allowed to expand their premise to legally hold a block party. Tara Alfonso, Assistant City Attorney, explained that under the proposed ordinance change outlined that if two adjacent bars want to hold a joint commercial block party the best practice would be to close the street in-between and have each establishment provide alcoholic beverages in sealed containers under the state law which allows cocktails-to-go in a tamper-proof sealed container for consumption on the street.

Larson questioned if other bars in the vicinity of Matt's 101 Pub would be a part of this proposed commercial block party. The proposed party would only include Matt's 101 Pub and the Chatterbox.

Diny questioned open container regulations. Open containers of alcohol cannot be sold and taken out of a licensed premise but containers of alcohol in a tamper-proof sealed container can be sold and taken out of the licensed premise for off-site consumption. Mary Goede, Deputy Clerk, stated that state law allows beer to be sold and then taken out of a licensed premise for consumption, but liquor cannot be sold for the same off-site consumption. It was mentioned that an extension of a premise can be provided in certain circumstances and on private property such as a sidewalk but a block party on a public street would not be considered an extension of the premise.

Motion by Diny, seconded by Larson to approve the ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on relocating District 1 & 2 polling place from Pilgrim Lutheran Church to the Lakeview Conference Center located at 1000 Lake View Dr (Door 31)

Motion by Larson, seconded by Henke, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on relocating District 6 polling place from Sylvan Hill to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 930 Edgewood Rd.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Diny, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Operations Report from Fire Department August 2023

Report placed on file.

Tavern Activities Report – August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023

Rasmussen questioned if there was recent activity at Cruise In 1724. The activities report indicates that this bar is open for regular business during regular hours again.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update

Report placed on file.

Fire Operations Report, Tavern Report, and the Community Outreach Update available in online packet:

<https://www.wausauwi.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/9703/638303873816530000>

Adjournment

Motion by Henke, second by Larson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hB1LVZd6XVc>