

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, October 24, 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, Matt Barnes, Anne Jacobson, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Mary Goede, Katie Rosenberg

Minutes of previous meetings. (9/19/22)

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

City of Wausau License Policy Presentation - Nathan Miller

Attorney Nathan Miller provided information regarding the PH&S criteria policy, state law, and proof of rehabilitation regarding denial of licenses.

Watch video presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRDV-i9Hnvk>

or

Read the PowerPoint document in the committee packet:

https://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/Council/Archives/Standing%20Committees/Public%20Health%20and%20Safety%20Committee/2022/PHSC_20221024_Packet.pdf

Consider approval or denial of various license applications

Lisa Rasmussen indicated there was one denial recommendation for Charrish Winfory for and Operator's License.

Charrish Winfory addressed the committee appealing the denial recommendation. She stated she did not realize that she could have brought evidence of rehabilitation and references. She noted her 2012 drug case was actually from 2008 was when she was just 17 or 18 years old, and she was with the wrong boyfriend and people. She referred to a theft on her record in 2017 stating a person she gave a ride to was stealing, not herself, but she was charged with party to a crime for driving. She stated she now has three kids, and she has stayed out of trouble for several years. She indicated she completed her probation and is engaged. She felt she was on a different path and wanted a chance to get her license.

Rasmussen suggested the committee delay action on Winfory's license to the next meeting to give her more time to provide any evidence of rehabilitation. Nathan Miller noted the second page of the denial letter sent to her listed the evidence of rehabilitation. Rasmussen noted she should provide any evidence to the Police Chief before the next meeting for consideration.

Rasmussen stated there is a special event application for "Hauntingly Chill" on Saturday, October 29, 2022, which is a collaboration between Matt's 101 Pub and Chatterbox. She summarized it is to be a block party with street closure on Elm Street between their two businesses and a request for privileges of alcohol on the street.

Miller explained the issue is that although they can grant temporary extensions of premises for various bars, Wisconsin law does not permit the carrying inside of alcohol from one premise to another. There are two separate premises involved here and we can't ensure beverages aren't going back and forth.

Dan Maas, Chatterbox, explained it wasn't actually a block party, but it was more of a pub crawl between the four bars in the neighborhood, and we were just trying to provide a safer crossing on Elm Street between 101 Pub and Chatterbox. The intention was to allow them to cross the street between 101 Pub and Chatterbox with their cup, so people aren't slamming their drinks first. It is a timed event with one hour at each establishment. They did not intend to serve outside in the street. (The other two bars are (Callon Street Pub and LT Club.) He noted it is a charitable event which asks you to bring a non-perishable food item to contribute.

Miller reiterated that drinks purchased inside the premise would have to be consumed there and could not be carried over and into another premise. Discussion was that the event could be approved to close the street but that it was too late to find a way to work this out regarding alcohol outside the premise. *Discussion continued.*

Motion by Diny, second by Larson to approve the event contingent upon receipt of application to temporarily extend premise outdoors. Motion carried 5-0. (**NOTE: Special Event was subsequently cancelled.**)

Motion by Henke, second by Diny to approve licenses, with the exception of Charrish Winfory to be delayed to the next meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance permitting commercial kennels

Deferred to December meeting.

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance creating restrictions on the sale of animals

Deferred to December meeting.

Operations Report from Fire Department September 2022

Deferred to next meeting.

Wausau PD Operations Report - 3rd Quarter 2022, and the Tavern Activities Report – September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022

Deferred to next meeting.

Communications

None

Adjourn

Motion by Larson, second by Henke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.