

**CITY OF RHINELANDER  
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE  
MAY 23, 2011 - 5:30-7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Alex Young, Tom Gleason, Tom Kelly and Sonny Paszak.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Freudenberg.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Administrator Bill Bell, Patty Dalka and Al Mancl, Dennis, Mary and Mike Hastreiter, Mayor Dick Johns, City Clerk/Treasurer Mary Richardson, Kyle Rogers of Northwoods River News, Josh Schmitz, Police Chief Mike Steffes and Fire Chief Terry Williams.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alex Young at 5:00 PM. He noted that the media was notified, the agenda was posted, and a quorum was present to do business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2011. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Class B Beer License for Northern Coffee Haus, 34 S. Brown Street

Patty Dalka and Al Mancl explained that they currently have a wine license, but always get requests for beer.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY YOUNG, TO APPROVE A CLASS B BEER LICENSE FOR NORTHERN COFFEE HAUS, LLC AT 34 S. BROWN STREET. 2 AYE, 2 NAY (GLEASON, PASZAK); MOTION DENIED.

Wolff's Log Cabin – Amended Premise Description

Dave Wolff explained that they now offer carry out from their Buckets on the Run location. The building was a liquor store years ago, so it's set up with coolers and ready for sale of package goods. He stated that they get a lot of requests for package carry outs from guests at the area motels. They would be selling beer and wine for carry-out only; no deliveries. Mike Steffes stated that he feels the PPP Committee would be opening itself up to convenience stores now coming in.

MOTION BY PASZAK, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR AMENDED DESCRIPTION OF LICENSED PREMISE BY DAVID H. WOLFF, AGENT FOR WOLFF'S LOG CABIN 719/721 W. KEMP STREET. 3 AYE, 1 NAY (YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.

### Agent Requests

MOTION BY PASZAK, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE DAVID H. WOLFF AS AGENT FOR WOLFF'S LOG CABIN, 719/721 W. KEMP ST. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY PASZAK, TO APPROVE JEREMY R. EVANS AS AGENT FOR ROBBIE'S PLACE, 127 W. RIVES ST. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

### Liquor – Renewals for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 7/1/11-6/30/12. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE OTHER LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 7/1/11-6/30/12. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

### Fire Department Union Request for "Fill the Boot" Event

Josh Schmitz stated that Local 1028 would like to conduct its annual "Fill the Boot" event from Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. As in the past, they will be at the intersection of Stevens Street and County W. Local 1028 raised \$10,000 in 2009 and \$10,210 in 2010; their goal for 2011 is \$12,000. All proceeds go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY PASZAK, TO APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNION REQUEST FOR "FILL THE BOOT" EVENT FOR THURSDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 7, 8 AND 9, 2011. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

### Request from Buckethead's, 46 N. Brown Street, for Seasonal Outside Seating Area

Mike Hastreiter of Buckethead's stated that he would like to construct a temporary outside deck for his customers. The deck would occupy 3 parking spaces in front of his bar, with a railing all the way around the deck. There would be no bar located on the deck; wait staff would bring food and beverages out to the customers. Mike stated that a licensed bartender would be there at all times to keep an eye on the area. He stated that he loses a lot of customers for happy hour and lunch time, because people want to sit outside. Mike stated that he has no room behind the building; the front of the building is the only place he could do this. The deck will be removable, and would be in place only during the summer months.

Mike Steffes stated that he would recommend movable concrete pylons be set up temporarily around the deck, with some kind of lighting; his concern would be somebody trying to pull into the parking stall next to the deck and hitting it.

Mayor Johns stated that he's willing to work with the downtown; however, there are others who have talked to him about the same kind of thing. He stated that Downtown Rhinelander, Inc.

needs to work with all of the downtown businesses to come up with an plan for the entire downtown area. The Mayor stated that he thinks this is a good idea, but it's Sue Bessert's job to work with the entire downtown.

Sue Bessert stated that it's good to see an entrepreneur bringing an idea forward. She feels DRI would support it, and there might be others that would like to do it also. Sue stated that it's always discussed at DRI meetings that it's difficult for the businesses on that side of the street to expand, as they don't have any room behind them. Until DRI can get a downtown-wide plan together, Sue asks the PPP Committee to support this idea and give Mike an opportunity.

Terry Williams stated that he met with Mike about this plan, and thought it was something really neat for the downtown. He knows this Committee has tried other things in the past on a limited basis, and Terry thinks Mike is a responsible business owner and we should give him a chance.

Bill Bell stated that we will need a temporary land use agreement. He feels we should also get the Parking Advisory Board involved; although they actually control the parking lots, they have a lot of knowledge regarding parking in the downtown area.

MOTION BY YOUNG, SECOND BY KELLY, TO AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR BILL BELL TO PROCEED WITH A LAND USE AGREEMENT WITH BUCKETHEAD'S, TO BRING FORWARD TO THE JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL MEETING, ALONG WITH AN APPLICATION FOR AMENDED DESCRIPTION OF LICENSED PREMISE. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

#### Bartender Licenses

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY PASZAK, TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSE APPLICATIONS. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

#### No Parking on North Side of Harvey Street Near Thayer

Mike Steffes explained there is a visibility problem in that area, related to vehicles parking alongside the condominiums. He and Randy Knuth looked at the area, and recommend placing a "No Parking This Side of Street" sign on the north side of Harvey Street, near its intersection with Thayer Street.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE PLACING "NO PARKING THIS SIDE OF STREET" SIGN ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HARVEY STREET NEAR ITS INTERSECTION WITH THAYER STREET. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

#### Bike Ordinance

Mike Steffes stated that there have been some issues with bikes on sidewalks in the downtown area. Our current ordinance provides for a verbal warning for the first offense. For the second offense, a written warning goes to the child and parent, and they must attend a traffic safety course at the Police Department. For a third offense, the bike is put on house arrest, and a fourth

offense is a referral to Social Services. Mike stated that when people see officers just giving warnings, they think we're not really enforcing. The new ordinance allows the police officer to take the bike away for up to 10 days; this allows for quick enforcement action without a fine. Mike also noted that our current ordinance says that anyone over the age of 12 cannot ride on City sidewalks; he would like to do away with that provision, but retain the provision for no bicycles on downtown sidewalks, except for Courtney Street, as that will tie into the Lincoln Street Pathway.

MOTION BY PASZAK, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE NEW BIKE ORDINANCE. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Committee reviewed the Fire and Police departmental reports.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO §19.85(1)(e) AND (i), WIS. STATS., TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2011. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2011. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY KELLY, TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

### MATTERS OF EMERGENCY/INFORMATIONAL NATURE

Mike Steffes stated that they are exploring new vest carriers, which are worn outside the uniform, and are much more lightweight. He stated that more and more departments are moving in this direction.

Mike stated that he has been accepted for a grant sponsored by OJA and the University of Arkansas, for the Rural Law Enforcement Executive Management Institute. This is a one-week course, held in September, to address what's going on across the country in municipalities with populations of less than 10,000. There will be no cost to the City for Mike to attend.

### APPROVE BILLS & CLAIMS

MOTION BY PASZAK, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AND RECOMMEND THEM TO COUNCIL FOR PAYMENT. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

FUTURE AGENDA REQUEST/NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is set for Monday, June 27, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY KELLY, TO ADJOURN THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 23, 2011 AT 7:00 PM. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

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