

**CITY OF RHINELANDER  
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY MEETING  
Monday, June 27, 2011 5:00 – 6:50 PM City Hall  
Alex Young, Chairman**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex Young, Sonny Paszak, Tom Kelly, Tom Gleason, and Bill Freudenberg

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Dick Johns, Police Chief Mike Steffes, Fire Chief Terry Williams, City Administrator Bill Bell, Ed Orlikowski, Bernadette Stoehr, Lisa Kuczmariski, Public Works Director Randy Knuth, DRI Director Sue Bessert, Kyle Roger of Northwoods River News, Becky Joki, Golf Course Superintendent Joe Anderson, David Wolffe, Mike and Dennis Hastreiter

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alex Young at 5:30 PM. The media was notified, the agenda posted and quorum present to do business. Roll call was taken.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**MOTION BY PASZAK/GLEASON TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2011. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Department**

With the large agenda this evening, Chairman Young suggested the committee review the reports but asked both the chiefs to share any important incidents.

Chief Steffes highlighted his monthly report by informing the committee that Officer Amanda Young graduated her first D.A.R.E. class with Zion 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Sergeant Mike Allard and Officer Ryan Rezny responded to a suspicious noise complaint but ended up apprehending a burglar in progress.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**APPROVE REQUEST TO AMEND DESCRIPTION PREMISE FOR WOLFF’S LOG CABIN TO INCLUDE “BUCKETS ON THE RUN”**

This was returned from the previous 3P as Mr. Wolff did not appear at council to explain what he would like to do to combine his two businesses and to amend the description of the property so he will be able to sell package beer at “Buckets on the Run”. The committee members asked questions regarding the bartenders involved and the location of the where the beer would be on display. Dave Wolff informed the committee the beer would be sold in packages and not individual cans. This is merely a takeout business and there is no dining; he said when he purchased the building it had been a liquor store but his purpose is to use that building as an expansion of his take out part of his business so as not to interfere with Wolff’s Log Cabin. Asked about his catering business, he replied he would not be selling beer when catering on those occasions.

The committee was satisfied and with Chief Steffes noting that as long as he has been Chief, Wolff has shown to be a responsible business owner and they have had no problems with his business.

**MOTION BY KELLY/PASZAK TO APPROVE TO AMEND DESCRIPTION PREMISE FOR WOLFF’S LOG CABIN TO ALLOW HIS BUSINESS “BUCKETS ON THE RUN” TO SELL PACKAGED BEER. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Dave Wolff was told to appear before the entire council on Monday, July 11, 2011, at 6 PM in the council chambers at city hall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

**Bartender**

Chief Steffes recommended approval of bartender licenses for Michelle Wanty, Aucencio Jacinto, Lori A. Boxrucker, Jennifer Slizewski, Andrew R. Mangles, and Meredith J. Latimer.

**MOTION BY PASZAK/GLEASON TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER APPLICANTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Liquor** None

**Other** None

**APPROVE 10 MINUTE LOADING/UNLOADING ZONE IN FRONT OF DISTINCTIVE TOUCH AT 32 N. BROWN STREET**

Bernadette Stoehr requested the 10 minute parking for unloading and loading of her supplies and also to allow delivery by UPS and Fed X to the area business.

Chairman Alex Young stated Randy Knuth looked at this area and said there is room for another parking spot to be used for loading and unloading zone. Currently the area is painted yellow but they can allow a 10 minute zone and vehicles would only be ticketed if the area is abused. Chief Steffes advised currently there isn't an area in that block to provide for deliveries or pickups.

**MOTION BY PASZAK/GLEASON TO APPROVE 10-MINUTE LOADING/UNLOADING ZONE IN FRONT OF DISTINCTIVE TOUCH AT 32 N. BROWN STREET. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY FREUDENBERG/KELLY TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85 (1)(c) WI STATS TO APPROVE BARTENDER APPLICATIONS. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY KELLY/GLEASON TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**DISCUSS/APPROVE OUTDOOR PREMISE PERMIT ORDINANCE**

City Administrator Bill Bell advised at the last council they approved the concept of amending the outdoor premise ordinance. However, since then, the state recommended some regulations to include in the right-of-way use to tie in the sidewalk. Bell stated, by the next council meeting on July 11, the city attorney will have a draft in place. Bell noted the other part of the outdoor premise permit is to create the ordinance allowing for Beer Gardens and the outdoor sale of beer and liquor. He said that isn't ready yet either but hopes he and Chief Steffes will have it drafted by the next council meeting.

**DISCUSS/APPROVE AMENDED PREMISE DESCRIPTION AND "BUCKETHEADS" LEASE OF THREE PARKING STALLS**

Bill Bell mentioned to Hastreiter to contact Phil Parkinson about questions of insurance requirements and that also will be included as a part of the agreement and that proof of insurance will have to be provided.

Chief Williams reported that the state building inspector advised the deck is to be one-hour fire rated, with fire treated wood. Bill Bell noted for those reasons and other concerns that need to be addressed, they should defer any decisions tonight and table until the next council meeting. Chief Steffes also acknowledged that according to the state inspector that in order for the outside deck and building property to be legally connected by the sidewalk language would have to be included in the agreement advising that the servers would be the only ones legally able to cross the sidewalk to the customers. Patrons would not be allowed to loiter nor carry drinks across the sidewalk.

Young advised that no action will be taken on Agenda Items C and D tonight and will be passed on to city council. Bill Bell said he will contact Phil Parkinson in the morning to begin work on this.

Sonny Paszak questioned the cost of leasing the parking spots and time he would be open. Bell had no figures for the leasing of the three parking spots. According to Hastreiter, the new deck area would open at 11 AM and remain open until 10 PM. With weather permitting, he would like to open May 1 to September 30.

Mayor Johns suggested for safety purposes the railing height change from 36" to 42".

**REQUEST TO OPERATE BEER GARDEN AND ADJUST STREET CLOSING PERMIT FOR BUDWEISER CLYDESDALES EVENT JULY 30, 2011**

Sue Bessert, Director of Downtown Rhinelander, Inc. explained that Dean Distributing is sponsoring the Clydesdale Event. In connection with this event, several bars and restaurant owners got together to come up with ideas to enhance this occasion and create a more festive atmosphere. Bessert said she was pleased there was such a good response by the businesses getting together to provide something new for the downtown area. The group came up with including a Beer Garden area with music and a pub and grub crawl with a chance of participants to win prizes by making rounds to the businesses participating.

Ed Orlikowski, the manager of the Claridge, explained the idea is to get people down town to see what they have to offer and to enjoy the Clydesdales but also enjoy the other activities. They would like to enhance this community event and show the gratitude Rhinelander has for Clydesdales appearance and a chance for people to gather, listen to music and grab and beer and brat while watching the parade. Bessert did explain the use of wrist bands to identify individuals that purchase beer.

No decision was made as to where the barricades should be placed and the exact location of the Beer Garden but Ald. Gleason agreed to the request to place the barricades just west of the crosswalks on Davenport/Brown intersection to the Anderson Street parking lot so as not to interfere with the parking in the back lots. Gleason added that nobody is going to miss closing that block for several hours and it will not disrupt the traffic flow. When suggested to use the green space, it was mentioned that was not a centrally located and Stevens Street would present a problem. Gleason stated, some food-for-thought, is the smaller the area, the easier to regulate.

Ald. Bill Freudenberg feels they should promote and utilize the product that the event is highlighting and to show our appreciation to returning to Rhinelander. To let the distributor know that we are interested and want to work with them.

Sue Bessert suggested that she and Ed can re-group with the business group and return to council for their requests with a set of plans. Young said he is glad to hear that this is coming together and looks forward to hearing what you come back with at the council meeting on July 11, 2011.

No action was taken.

**APPROVE TO PROHIBIT THE CARRY OF CONCEALED WEAPONS ON CITY PROPERTY, EXCEPT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND APPROVE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS ON ENTRANCES TO CITY PROPERTY**

Alex Young stated as they all are aware, there is going to be a concealed weapons law passed; therefore, this will be tabled tonight. He reported this was discussed earlier in evening at the Parks Committee meeting. The city will not have an ordinance written by the city attorney until the governor signs the law.

Until then, Young said the city and department heads will make a decision on what buildings, entrances and locations the signs will be placed and where it will be prohibited to carry concealed weapons. People that don't want people to carry concealed weapons on their property, will have to post 8½" x 11" orange signs at all entrances as defined in the law.

No action will be taken tonight. They do not have an ordinance thus far and the city attorney will not begin writing it under the bill is in its final form and the governor has signed.

**MOTION BY GLEASON/PASZAK TO POSTPONE THE ACTION OF CONCEALED CARRY LAW UNTIL THE NEXT PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY MEETING. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Randy Knuth noted the signs at some locations can be orange poster paper but others placed on buildings and doors exposed to the elements would cost \$8.50. He also stated a sign does not need to be made for every building.

After this is signed by the governor, it will not immediately go into effect. Mayor Johns stated it may take until October and Chief Steffes reported several things have to be setup or in place prior to becoming a law.

Chief Steffes questioned a procedure for employees to be approved at this same time but Alex Young said that would be something for the Finance Committee as part of the personnel policy.

Bill Bell reminded the committee to remove the word *conceal* and change to *city buildings* instead of *city property*.

**APPROVE BILLS AND CLAIMS**

**MOTION BY PASZAK/FREUDENBERG TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**FUTURE REQUESTS AND NEXT DATE**

- Discuss/Approve outdoor premise permit ordinance
- Bucketheads lease and amended premise description
- Prohibit of weapons in city buildings

The next meeting of the Protection of Persons and Property Committee is Monday, July 25, at 5:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY KELLY/PASZAK TO ADJOURNMENT PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY MEETING AT 6:50 PM. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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Alex Young, Chairman

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