

**CITY OF RHINELANDER  
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 29, 2011 - 5:30-7:15 PM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Freudenberg and Sonny Paszak.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Dick Johns, Golf Course Superintendent Joe Andersen, Carey Apfel, Thomas French, Public Works Director Randy Knuth, Lisa Kuczarski, Sherrie Meinert, Daniel Resch, James and Vicki Richter, Police Chief Mike Steffes and Fire Chief Terry Williams.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

**LIQUOR**

Approve Class B Beer and Class B Liquor License for Vicki Richter, agent and James Richter for Zippy's Pizza & Bakery, 151 N. Brown Street

Police Chief Mike Steffes reported that everything is fine from the Police Department's standpoint.

Fire Chief Terry Williams reported that there are still some issues from the previous inspection that have not been resolved.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE THE CLASS B BEER AND CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE FOR VICKI RICHATER, AGENT AND JAMES RICHTER, FOR ZIPPY'S PIZZA & BAKERY, 151 N. BROWN STREET, AND TO DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO NOT ISSUE THE LICENSE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FIRE AND INSPECTION DEPARTMENT ARE SATISFIED THAT ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**DISCUSS/APPROVE TO PROHIBIT THE CARRY OF WEAPONS ON CITY PROPERTY**

The draft ordinance is modeled on ordinances from other communities as well as the CVMIC boilerplate form. The only change was to specifically list the various buildings in the City of

Rhineland to which this applies. The Mayor would like Blaine to have a chance to review the ordinance. Lisa Kuczarski reported that Blaine has already reviewed it, and will be discussing it with the Police Chief tomorrow. The Committee agreed that the draft ordinance should also be reviewed by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE PROHIBIT THE CARRY OF WEAPONS ON CITY PROPERTY, AND TO REFER THE ORDINANCE AND POLICY TO THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RAZE OR REPAIR ORDER FOR 218 SUTLIFF AVENUE**

Terry William reported that he's been dealing with this property since February. This was a hoarding case; 30 cats were removed from the property. The Health Officer condemned the property and had the occupant removed. The home is full of trash, and although the windows have been left open since February, the strength of the odor is still overwhelming. It is Terry's recommendation to issue a raze order on this property.

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY KELLY, TO ISSUE A RAZE OR REPAIR ORDER ON 218 SUTLIFF AVENUE. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

#### **RAZE OR REPAIR ORDER FOR 327 N. BROWN STREET**

Terry advised that this home has been vacant for some time, and is currently in foreclosure. Most of the windows are rotten and the basement has been open to the outside for many months, with animals freely entering and exiting the building. Terry noted that we've discussed demolishing this building in the past; the CDBG Committee attempted to assist these owners with repairs, but the owners did not follow through with the project. The typical rule is that if it will cost 50% or more of the assessed value to bring the property into proper condition, it should be razed; Terry stated that this one is way beyond that threshold. He noted that this has been going on for at least three years.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO ISSUE A RAZE OR REPAIR ORDER ON 327 N. BROWN STREET. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

#### **RAZE OR REPAIR ORDER FOR 410 EVERGREEN COURT**

Terry stated that a tenant of this property called with a deer problem, and when they went to investigate the deer issue, they noticed other problems, including windows, holes in the siding, the railing going up to second story in the back is decayed and rotting, and there was a lot of

garbage out back. Terry stated that he's not necessarily looking to raze this building, but does want a repair order to address the structural items and get the trashed cleaned up.

Tom French, the property owner, was present. Terry advised him that under the City's ordinance, failure to comply with the trash clean-up by a certain date could result in a citation being issued, which can be compounded daily. Terry feels the yard, trash and debris could easily be cleaned up in a week, and the Inspection Department can work with the owner on structural issues.

Alex Young asked Mr. French if he could work with the Fire Chief to get the issues resolved. Mr. French stated that he can; however, he is currently unemployed so funds are an issue. He stated that he can definitely get the yard cleaned up by the end of the week; he can work on the other items, but it's hard to promise a deadline with no money coming in. Terry stated that he would be happy to sit down with Mr. French to go through things and see if we can come up with a plan and timeline that makes sense. Terry's major concern at this time is the railing, as the second floor is occupied, and this is a safety issue. The soffit and fascia are also a priority. Terry suggested postponing any action until next month.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO POSTPONE THE RAZE OR REPAIR ORDER ON 410 EVERGREEN COURT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

#### DISCUSS ASPIRUS SPACE UPDATE

Terry reported that the bids came in on the high end of what we anticipated, so he is working with the architect/engineer and the low bidder to find items we can delete to bring the price down. Terry hopes to have something ready for the Finance Committee meeting next week.

#### DISCUSS/APPROVE CITY-WIDE DEER HUNT

The Mayor stated that he feels we should have a deer hunt this year. He noted that there are some areas we haven't been able to open up to hunters because they're small; he has talked to Mike Steffes about reviewing those to see if there are changes we can make to help with that.

Mike Steffes stated that he got a call from Dr. Pratt on Lake Shore Drive, who reported that he's seen a lot of pregnant does and some bucks in that area. Our previous DNR contact, Ron Eckstein, has retired and his position has not been filled; until this is resolved, there is no one at the DNR who can tell us whether or not we can go forward.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the deer hunt should be held. Lisa Kuczmariski advised the Committee that there is a cost to the City for the hunt; it runs about \$7,000 in overtime for her to run the program.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO AUTHORIZE LISA KUCZMARSKI TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE DNR TO HOLD A DEER HUNT IN THE CITY OF RHINELANDER. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURUSANT TO §19.85(1)(e) AND (i), WIS. STATS., TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE BARTENDER LICENSE APPLICATIONS, DISCUSS AMBULANCE INTERCEPTS, AND APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2011

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY KELLY, TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURUSANT TO §19.85(1)(e) AND (i), WIS. STATS., TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE BARTENDER LICENSE APPLICATIONS, DISCUSS AMBULANCE INTERCEPTS, AND APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2011. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO DENY THE BARTENDER LICENSE APPLICATION OF SHERRIE MEINERT. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO DENY THE BARTENDER LICENSE APPLICATION OF CHAD KUSSMAN. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY YOUNG, TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSE APPLICATION OF DANIEL RESCH. 2 AYE, 1 NAY (GLEASON), 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2011. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY KELLY, TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

### **DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT**

Alex Young stated that in the interests of time, the Committee members would review the Departmental Activity Reports at their leisure.

### **BARTENDER**

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSE APPLICATION OF BENJAMIN GAUTHIER. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

Other – None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2011. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVE BILLS AND CLAIMS**

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,484.64. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

**FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS AND MEETING DATE**

Future Agenda:

- Raze or Repair Order - 410 Evergreen Court
- Aspirus Space Update

Next meeting date:

- September 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 29, 2011 PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7:15 PM. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT (FREUDENBERG, PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

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Alex Young, Chairperson

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