

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, September 16, 2024, at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Lou Larson (VC), Becky McElhaney, Sarah Watson, Carol Lukens

Others Present: Mayor Diny, Matt Barnes, Tracy Rieger, Jeremy Kopp

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

Approve minutes of previous meeting (07/15/2024 and 08/19/2024).

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications.

Jonathan Betts-Rojas, applicant for New Bartender/Operator License, did not appear to appeal the denial recommendation.

Rasmussen stated that the cost of policing special events was valid. It was recommended a discussion happen with event organizations to discuss the cost of policing.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to accept or deny license as recommended and delay the approval of the Class I Special Event licenses to the November Common Council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation and discussion from the Fire Department on Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS).

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action granting temporary extension of premise (The Chatterbox Inc., agent Michael Maas, d.b.a. Chatterbox, 102 S. 2nd Avenue).

Rasmussen questioned if the other establishments would be extending their premise. It was stated only The Chatterbox and Matt's 101 Pub would be extending their premise to the middle of Elm Street respectively.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to grant the extension. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action amending Wausau Municipal Code 1.08.045 and 9.04.010 (Disorderly Conduct and/or Battery Against Election Officials, Election Registration Officials, or Clerks and State statutes adopted).

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to approve the ordinances. Motion carried 5-0.

Tavern Activities Report - August 1 - August 31, 2024.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update.

Rasmussen stated a resolution may be drafted to counter the closing of the Temporary Living Program facilities in the community to open that communication with the state.

Watson questioned if the TLP facilities are county or city based. Watson questioned if it would be possible to partner with other municipalities and the county to push for a policy change at the state level.

Rasmussen stated there was a request to extend additional funding for Catholic Charities services and a contract amendment would come forward to the committee.

McElhaney stated it would be good for both parties to codify the agreement.

Report placed on file.

Adjourn

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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