

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
PUBLIC POLICY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 13, 2022 - 6:20 PM**

**Community Room
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI**

**OR
Zoom Teleconferencing**

Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.

Present: Ald. Fishler, Keymer, Christianson, Zarazua, Kneebone.

Others

Present: Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, Director Beduhn, Director Kernosky, Assistant Chief Rottier, Director Kremer, Deputy C/T Freeberg, Attorney Beveridge, Chief Moody, Admin Assistant Church, Ald. Shorr, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Carlson, Ald. Shuda, Ald. Dalron, Ald. Morrow.

2. License List:

- A. ***Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Liquor License Renewal: AstroJun at 108 Division Street, Stevens Point for license period beginning July 01, 2022.**
- B. Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Liquor License Renewal: Ranchito Perez at 3462 Church Street, Stevens Point for license period beginning July 01, 2022.**
- C. Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Liquor License Renewal: Rock N Roll Bar N Grill at 2301 Church Street, Stevens Point for license period beginning July 01, 2022.**
- D. Class "A" Beer/"Class A" Liquor License Renewal: West Side Mobil at 232 W Clark Street, Stevens Point for license period beginning July 01, 2022.**
- E. ***Class "B" Beer License Renewal: Asian Buffet at 5509 Hwy 10 E, Stevens Point for license period beginning July 01, 2022.**
- F. Class "B" Beer/Class "C" Wine License Renewal: Main Grain Bakery & Eatery at 1009 First Street, Suites B & C, Stevens Point for license period beginning July 01, 2022.**
- G. Temporary Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Wine License: Stevens Point Area**

Girls Youth Softball Association Inc., PO Box 623, Stevens Point for Point Classic Summer Softball Tournament on July 15 - July 17, 2022 at Goerke Park, 1100 Minnesota Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

- H. Temporary Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Wine License: Stevens Point Alliance, PO Box 675, Stevens Point for Discover Downtown on July 15 and July 16, 2022, 912 Main Street and Public Square.**
- I. Temporary Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Wine License: Mid-State Sisters of Skate, PO Box 728, Stevens Point for Roller Derby Game on July 16, 2022 at 1000 Minnesota Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481.**
- J. Temporary Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Wine License: Mid-State Sisters of Skate, PO Box 728, Stevens Point for Roller Derby Game on August 13, 2022 at 1000 Minnesota Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481.**
- K. Temporary Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Wine License: Portage County Democratic Party, 2220 Division Street, Stevens Point for Portage County Democratic Party Picnic on August 28, 2022 at Pfiffner Park, 401 Franklin Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.**
- L. Change of Agent: GPM Southeast, LLC, 8565 Magellan Pkwy, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23227; Rhonda Ann Urlaub, 118927 Trailview Street, Stratford, WI 54484, agent at RStore #4487, 5485 US Hwy 10 E, Stevens Point, replacing Jean C. Trakel.**
- M. Commercial Animal Establishment License Renewals:**
 - 1) The Barking Lot, 3432 Minnesota Avenue, Stevens Point; Pamela Schneider, 1937 Plover Street, Owner.**
 - 2) Country Paws Bed & Biscuit, 2107 Country Club Drive, Stevens Point; Laura Bronk, 2107 Country Club Drive, Owner.**
- N. Junk Dealer/Recycler License Renewal: Zacher, Matt & Zacher, Tim, Express Recycling at 2608 Water Street, Section D, Stevens Point.**
- O. Taxicab Company License:**
 - 1) Sentry Services LLC at 1800 North Point Drive, Stevens Point, Mike James.**
 - 2) Spit Fire Transport at 100 Forest Street North, Stevens Point, Louis Patton.**
- P. Taxicab Driver License:**
 - 1) Louis Patton, 100 Forest Street North, Stevens Point for Spit Fire Transport.**

2) Andrew Prokudowicz, 4226 East Jelinek Avenue, Schofield, WI 54476 for Northwoods Cab, LLC.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the license list.

Assistant Chief Rottier said Law Enforcement had no concerns.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing:

- A. Riverfront Rendezvous from July 1, 2022 to July 3, 2022 (Recurring).**
- B. Fourth of July Parade on July 4, 2022 (Recurring).**
- C. Discover Downtown on July 15, 2022 and July 16, 2022 (Recurring w/ Changes).**

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the recurring events.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

- D. Roller Derby Game on July 16, 2022 (New Event).**
- E. Roller Derby Game on August 13, 2022 (New Event).**

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the new events.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

4. Beekeeper Permits:

- A. Lucas Arneson - 3316 Alder Street.**
- B. Matt Jaworski - 1300 West Gates Drive.**

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the beekeeping permits.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

5. Ordinance Amendment: Public Peace and Offenses Against Public Policy - Amend Deposit Amount for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Quantity of Possession of Marijuana.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment.

Aldersperson Carlson said it is up to the state of Wisconsin to change the marijuana laws rather than Stevens Point to lower the fine. He pointed to unintended consequences such as arrests that would be charged as criminal offenses.

Aldersperson Morrow said the decision should be left to state representatives. He spoke about the second offense being a felony, and the ramifications people could face. Morrow said by making this change, the city would be setting people up by making the first offense five dollars when a second offense could be a felony.

Ben Kollock, 1372 North Second Drive, walked through the process of citations leading to felony charges. He stated the goal of this amendment is to help the people of Stevens Point to improve their lives. Mr. Kollock stated he has been battling cancer for 8 years, and spoke about the ways marijuana could help him.

Mitchell Craven supports lowering the fine to \$5. He spoke about the customers he serves and the reasons they purchase marijuana.

Joshua Rosenkranz walked through the history behind why marijuana was made illegal and voiced his support for the ordinance amendment. He shared his friend's experiences with marijuana charges and how disappointed he was that this conversation is still ongoing.

Assistant Chief Rottier spoke about the decriminalizing of the statute that has already taken place. He clarified the procedures related to the second offense prosecution and showed what five grams of marijuana looks like. Rottier stated that law enforcement is in agreement with leaving the decision up to the state rather than the city. He pointed to the amount of fines imposed by other institutions and areas in comparison to the proposed ordinance change.

Attorney Beveridge spoke about his experience with prosecuting the tickets and explained the difference between a deposit amount and a bond amount. He explained some changes that will be a part of the proposed ordinance amendment moving forward.

Aldersperson Johnson, spoke about her daughter's battle with illness and the medications she uses, stating that none of them work to alleviate her pain. She expressed her desire for medical marijuana to be available.

Call for the vote: ayes, majority; nays, minority; motion carried.

6. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.