

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 8, 2020 - 6:20 PM**

Zoom Conference Call Meeting

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Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call

PRESENT Ald. Jennings, Nebel, Kneebone, Leek, Fishler.

OTHERS Mayor Wiza; Clerk Krautkramer; Attorney Beveridge; C/T Ladick; Alders:

PRESENT Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Dalton, Morrow; Chief Finn; Interim Chief Zenner;
Directors: Lemke, Kernosky, Kremer, Beduhn; Kathy Johnson.

2. License List

A. Class "B" Beer and "C" Wine; and Renewal Class "B" Combination

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the Class "B" Beer and "C" Wine and Renewal Class "B" Combination licenses.

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

3. Commercial Animal Establishment (Renewal):

A. The Barking Lot, 3432 Minnesota Avenue, Stevens Point, WI; Pamalla Schneider, 1937 Plover Street, owner.

B. Country Paws Bed & Biscuit, 2107 Country Club Drive, Stevens Point, WI; Laura Bronk, 2107 Country Club Drive, owner.

Ald. Leek **moved**, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the commercial animal establishment renewals.

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

4. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing

A. ~~Pedal Point Rally 2020, July 31 and August 1, 2020 (New)~~ CANCELLED

B. Bria Bella & Co Birthday Bash, June 15 - June 20, 2020 (Recurring)

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the closure of two parking spaces on Friday, June 19 and Saturday June 20.

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

C. Discover Downtown, July 18, 2020 (Recurring)

Kathy Johnson, 1201 Water Street, asked what the proper application is and what the Committee members biggest fears are with the open intoxicants.

Ald. Jennings said this can be discussed further on agenda item 8.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Leek seconded, to approve the street closure and rain date for Discover Downtown.

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

D. ~~Farmers Market – Street Closure Request~~ *APPLICANT PULLED ITEM PRIOR TO THE MEETING*

5. Polling Locations Changes

A. Resolution - Temporary Change to District 1 Polling Location

B. Ordinance Amendment: Chapter 15.10 Polling Places

Ald. Fishler **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve moving the polling locations based on Clerk Krautkramer's recommendations.

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

6. City of Stevens Point Media Relations Policy

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve adopting the City of Stevens Point Media Relations Policy.

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

7. Ordinance Amendment: Chapter 16.12 Central Business District Sidewalk Café Licenses

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the removal of requiring fencing for the 2020 year.

Mayor Wiza said Troy Hojnacki, 912 Main Street, contacted him saying he is in support of this.

Ald. Jennings read an email from Christopher Klesmith, Create Portage County Project Activator, who wrote in support of this to provide safer dining and business options during the COVID pandemic.

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

8. Discussion and possible action on relaxing the Open Intoxicant Ordinance on specific days in the downtown area.

Kathy Johnson, 1201 Water Street, thanked everyone for their consideration with this. She expressed the urgency and importance with coming up with a plan now because downtown businesses may not survive if this is postponed. She expressed her feelings on how and why this is a good idea for downtown.

Marlene Pohl, 9654 Krogwold Road, Amherst Junction, questioned the fairness of only opening this up to the downtown area. She expressed her concerns; one of them being the affects on the other businesses in the City.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Avenue, said he supports amending the ordinance and said it is a great step forward.

Kellen Ferkey, 725 Franklin Street, said he would be excited to see Thursdays as an option and that the public would benefit greatly from this.

The committee asked staff to clarify this and bring it to Council to vote on.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the use of public parking lots and street side parking spaces for outdoor service, seating, and sales areas for local businesses.

Kathy Johnson, 1201 Water Street, said due to the urgency of this, asked if the permits and additional fees be waived to the businesses.

Jared Lensmire, 1410 Third Street, expressed his gratitude towards the committee, alders, and city staff for pushing this through so quickly.

Ald. Cindy Nebel **moved**, Ald. Thomas Leek seconded, to approve the use of public parking lots and street side parking spaces for outdoor service seating, and sales areas for local businesses with a sunset clause of 2020.

Mayor Wiza said this would require an ordinance amendment and the motion does not approve an ordinance amendment.

Ald. Nebel **amended**, Ald. Leek seconded, the motion asking staff to draft an ordinance amendment with a clause including a sunset date of 2020.

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

10. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.