

COMMUNITY PROTECTION & SERVICES COMMITTEE
July 10, 2014

A meeting of the Community Protection & Services Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Wiesner in Council Chambers, City Hall. **Roll Call:** Members Mr. Wiesner, Mr. Ireland and Mr. Stults were present. Also present were Steve McNeil, Bob Bordeau and Stephanie Reinhardt from Sturgeon Bay City Hall; and members of the general public.

Moved by Mr. Ireland, seconded by Mr. Stults to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll call
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Discussion of: City of Sturgeon Bay Ordinance 9.01 Intoxicating liquors and fermented malt beverages
4. Discussion of: City of Sturgeon Bay Ordinance 9.02 Direct sellers, peddlers, transient merchants
5. Consideration of: Dogs in Market Square during Farmer's Market
6. Adjourn

Carried.

City of Sturgeon Bay Ordinance 9.01 Intoxicating liquors and fermented malt beverages

The committee, at the request of Alderman Schlicht, discussed reviewing the ordinance regarding liquor licenses that are not currently being used; and possibly rewrite or amend the rules which are described as being vague. Stephanie Reinhardt, City Clerk, stated the process to take away a liquor license would need to be detailed when non-use of the license is the reason. Mr. Wiesner would like to see information collected on how other municipalities handle the issue. An annual inspection and license renewal process runs from July 1 to June 30.

John Brash, owner of John Martin's Restaurant questioned if the committee would discuss the situation with the old Neighborhood Pub's liquor license. Steve McNeil, City Administrator, informed Mr. Brash that at the next meeting it will be brought forward for consideration, and a recommendation will be made and passed to the Common Council at that time.

The committee decided more information is needed for discussion; the topic will put back onto the agenda for next month's meeting.

City of Sturgeon Bay Ordinance 9.02 Direct sellers, peddlers, transient merchants

Charlotte Baierl, 210 N. Joliet, owner of Niste Box would like the ordinance reviewed as in her opinion it is outdated. Ms. Baierl brought forward a petition of other business owners and restaurants on Third Avenue who are very enthusiastic to have them in the downtown area; along with a letter to Mr. Fett, the former chair of the Community Protection & Services Committee, explaining her reasoning behind requesting the change in the ordinance.

Steve Sullivan, 7054 CTH C, owner of Sully's Produce is in agreement with Ms. Baierl stating the cost of the transient merchant fees are expensive. His produce stand is not open year-round, thus he has no other option than pay \$55/month per employee to sell at his stand.

Mr. Wiesner sees direct competition with year-round restaurants as a problem, as it would not be fair in that transient merchants may take business away from permanent establishment.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he is not objecting to the ordinance, he is suggesting the fees associated each month be reconsidered. Ms. Baierl agreed, and asked the committee to consider a once-a-year fee that covers the ordinance. Ms. Reinhardt suggested an idea of a seasonal merchant fee be considered. Mr. Stults agreed with Ms. Reinhardt's suggesting to open a new category. More information is needed.

The committee decided to look at other similar areas to see what their ordinance states regarding transient merchants and fees, and review them for suggestions; the topic will be brought back at a future meeting.

Dogs in Market Square during Farmer's Market

Mr. McNeil relayed two citizen complaints to having dogs at the farmer's market; one related to whether or not having dogs around food is sanitary, the other being a health issue to people with allergies.

Mr. Bordeau reported that a survey of market vendors was taken; out of 23 responses, 21 were in favor of allowing dogs at farmer's market. When looking into other communities, and their regulations regarding dogs, 80% permitted dogs. Mr. McNeil commented that the ordinance allows dogs on public streets, sidewalks and parking lots; if consideration is given to banning dogs at market, then they would also have to look at banning dogs from city festivals.

Rose Wodack, 421 N. 4th Avenue spoke on behalf those with severe allergies to dogs. At one time she stated Market Square was considered a park, and was posted "no dogs allowed." With change, the signs have since been removed and this concerns her. Ms. Wodack also requested that signs be posted at Martin Park, as there is nothing stating dogs are not allowed and it is considered a city park. Mr. Bordeau agreed to look into posting signs. Ms. Wodack's last request was to possibly set a time when dogs are to be removed from market, so those with severe allergies can feel safe going.

Moved by Mr. Stults, seconded by Mr. Wiesner no change be made to the current ordinance which allows dogs at Market Square. However, Mr. Ireland would like to look into alternative rules during festivals and market and would like the option to bring them back to the Community Protection and Services Committee during a future meeting. All ayes. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stults, seconded by Mr. Ireland to adjourn the meeting of the Community Protection Services Committee. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 16, 2014 at 1:00pm