

SPECIAL PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Thursday, July 29, 2013, at 3:15 pm, Birch Room

Members Present: Rasmussen (C), Kellbach, Wagner, Winters (*entered late*)

Others Present: Alfonso, Buchberger, Goede, Rayala, Kari Rasmussen, Julie Luedtke, Media

Sidewalk Café Applications

Rasmussen stated The Mint Café has applied for a Sidewalk Café permit. Julie Luedtke explained they currently have tables outside the restaurant across the sidewalk by the curb line and would like to be able to serve alcohol. Buchberger indicated the only safety suggestion he had was not to place the chairs too close to the curb to ensure that someone doesn't push their chair back and fall off or stand up and fall off.

Motion by Wagner, second by Gisselman to approve the sidewalk café permit for The Mint Café. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider Premise Amendments for Sidewalk Café(s).

Rasmussen stated in order to serve alcohol outside at the tables The Mint Café will have to amend the premise description of the Class B Liquor license as well.

Motion by Winters, second by Wagner to approve the premise amendment for The Mint Café. Motion carried 5-0.

Rock the 400 Block - 3rd & 4th Street Waiver Request (Wausau Area Events)

Rasmussen explained Wausau Area Events was requesting a waiver on the prohibition of open intoxicants on public right-of-way for Rock the 400 Block on August 23, 2013 for both the 400 blocks of 3rd and 4th Streets which will be closed to traffic. Rasmussen stated she spoke with Chief Hardel regarding the request and he indicated that he had no problem with 4th Street because it was consistent with what was being allowed on Wednesdays for the Concerts on the Square, but he had concerns with 3rd Street because of the bars and Sidewalk Cafés. Both Townie's Grill and The Mint hold Class B liquor licenses from which patrons cannot leave with alcohol, as well as Sidewalk Cafes at which the customer is restricted to the table with a drink. He felt this would be too confusing to the public.

Wagner questioned why they wanted the waiver for 3rd Street, too. Kari Rasmussen, WAE, stated since this is a first time event for them, they don't know what the crowd size will be. She wanted to be prepared in the event there was a large turnout to have that extra space for overflow. She noted she received permission from all of the businesses to close the 400 block of 3rd Street. She thought that since the concert series will be over a couple days beforehand it would eliminate that confusion. Discussion followed regarding the difficulty of enforcement on 3rd Street and possible problems at future events as a result.

Motion by Winters, second by Kellbach to approve the waiver for 4th Street only as recommended by Chief Hardel. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Wagner, second by Gisselman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Rayala
City Clerk