

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, May 16, 2016 at 5:15 pm, (Council Chambers)

Members Present: Rasmussen, Wagner, Kellbach, McElhaney

Members Excused: Peckham

Others Present: Alfonso, Rayala, Hardel, Kujawa, Goede, Mielke, Darryl Landeau.

It was noted that there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Toni Rayala, City Clerk. Members of the committee were introduced and new members welcomed.

Minutes of previous meeting(s). (3/21/16 & 4/25/16)

Motion by McElhaney, second by Kellbach to approve minutes of a previous meeting (3/23/16 & 4/25/16). Motion carried 4-0.

Consider various license applications

Rasmussen indicated there were denial recommendations for Transport Driver Licenses for Adam Daniel and Stacey Solomon. It was noted that Stacy Solomon was not present.

Adam Daniel, 1108 Steuben St, addressed the committee to appeal the denial recommendation. He stated he made a poor choice last year and was dealing with the consequences and trying to move forward on a positive path. He was offered an opportunity in this job and enjoys providing this service to the community.

Chief Hardel explained Mr. Daniel had two felony convictions, one for possession of cocaine and one for bail jumping. He noted there were a number of other charges, including felony charges that were waiting to be resolved. He questioned if they had been resolved and Daniel stated that the case is closed and he has been placed on probation and has been participating in AOD counseling at the Health Care Center. He stated he is cooperating with everything he has been asked to do and has separated himself from certain people. He commented he enjoyed transporting the disabled for Community Care. Hardel commended him for the changes he has made in his life and although his concern was that the felony convictions were fairly recent, he would not oppose the committee if they overruled his recommendation.

Rasmussen stated taxi drivers are often tasked with picking up people at bar close who are impaired and incapable of making reasonable decisions. She felt since the convictions were not even a year old, it was not enough time for him to show a change in behavior. Daniel noted he would not be picking up at bar time because he works the day shift. Wagner agreed the problems were too recent and he might have felt better about it if it were a few years out. Daniel indicated his counselor and probation officer were supportive of this employment. McElhaney felt it was important if the people and organizations rehabilitating him were supportive and maybe we need to give him a chance. Rasmussen reiterated it really had to do with the length of time that has passed since the violations occurred and more time was needed to prove real change.

Motion by Wagner, second by Kellbach to approve or deny the licenses as recommended by staff. Motion carried 4-0.

Discuss County/City Hazard Mitigation Plan - Darryl Landeau

Darryl Landeau stated the plan includes all of the cities and villages in Marathon County; FEMA guidelines require that all counties and municipalities approve and adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. He indicated it was a multi-jurisdictional project with the county and all of the local units and this is the third update Marathon County has done. Last time a survey was sent out to the municipalities, but this time they were trying for more of a face to face approach. He asked for feedback through a variety of questions as to what the city was most concerned about in relation to natural hazards or disasters. Discussion took place regarding particular areas and/or facilities in the city that would be vulnerable to a disaster, as well as identifying and designating shelters. Landeau stated once they have met with all the communities and wrapped up the plan into the draft, it will be forwarded to the city to be considered for adoption by Council.

Operations Report from Fire Department for April 2016

Wagner questioned if there were any clients for the Community Paramedic. Kujawa indicated they got their third client today; it has been a little slower than anticipated. They are working with Dr. Mirek and Aspirus to get more patients involved.

Tavern Activities / Compliance Checks / Law Enforcement Activities

Hardel presented the Tavern Report for April 6, 2016 through May 8, 2016 (*see attached*).

Rayala stated she received an update from Bill Hebert, Inspections Department, regarding Pizza Bites on E Wausau Avenue. The bathroom passed inspection, but it was still taped off. The kitchen is not functioning and there has been no certification from the Health Department for it to be in operation. She noted Bill Hebert did observe five gambling machines that were up and running with customers sitting at them. The Class B license has not been issued for the premise. Hardel indicated he would meet with his captains and decide a course of action regarding the use of the illegal gambling machines.

Communications

Rasmussen stated there were a couple things coming at our June meeting: 1) a report from staff on the new refuse & recycling service with feedback; and 2) a potential change to alcohol policy on The 400 Block in response to issues downtown. She indicated at the July meeting there will be a presentation and Q&A session with the director of the Methadone Clinic.

Adjourn

Motion by McElhaney, second by Kellbach to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Attachment

Wausau Police Department



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Mayor

Jeffrey G. Hardel
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Date 05/11/16
To Chief Hardel
From Lt. Mike Felder

Subject TAVERN REPORT April 6, 2016 through May 8, 2016

ROUTINE TAVERN INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

101 Pub, 101 N. 3rd Ave.
6th Street Pub, 2002 N. 6th St.
Baker's Retreat, 1418 Lenard St.
The Bar, 1025 S. 3rd Ave.
Bob & Randy's Bar, 1515 N. 6th St.
Cabaret, 204 E. Rib Mountain Dr.
Callon Street Pub, 209 Callon St.
Campus Pub, 1110 W. Campus Drive
The Chatterbox Bar, 102 S. 2nd Ave.
Cheers Bar, 101 E. Thomas St.
Cop Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington St.
Day's Bowl-A-Dome, 1715 Stewart Ave

CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

None.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

None.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED AT TAVERNS TO WHICH POLICE WERE DISPATCHED.

Domino Bar, 701 Washington Street

- (1) *Case #16-3353, 04/08/16 at 7:23 PM:* An anonymous caller reported a hit and run vehicle crash in the parking lot of the Domino Bar. A description of the suspect vehicle was broadcast and the vehicle was later located at the Labor Temple bar. The operator was arrested for a warrant, OWI-8th Offense, Hit and Run, Operating After Revocation and Bail Jumping. There were a couple of return visits by Officers in the days after this incident to secure surveillance evidence from the bar.

El Jalapenos, 300 Washington Street #100

- (1) *Event #160045930, 04/17/16 at 8:50 AM:* A complainant that refused to identify themselves requested extra patrol of the business due to fights and noise level at 2:00 AM.
- (2) *Case #16-3871, 04/24/16 at 3:50 PM:* A woman called to report the theft of her cellular phone from the tavern sometime between 1:00 AM to 2:00 AM.

- (3) *Event #160054316, 05/05/16 at 6:51 PM:* **Bar employee** Angie called to report that there had been some teens that had locked themselves in the bathroom of the restaurant. It was determined that one teen had taken something from the other, and both had left prior to Officers' arrival.

Limerick's Public House, 121 Scott Street

- (1) *Event #160053489, 05/04/16 at 6:34 AM:* An Officer observed there to be water all over the interior floor of the bar. Attempt was made by dispatch to contact the key holder, but only a message was left. Unknown disposition.

Malarkey's Pub, 412 N. 3rd Street

- (1) *Case #16-3540, 04/14/16 at 7:46PM:* A Citizen called to report a "drunk woman" having hit his car. Officers responded and determined that there was no damage, but the woman had left the scene on foot and abandoned her car. It was partially in the lane of traffic and in the handicap parking stall, so it was towed. The driver was never positively identified.

Christine's Bar, 936 S. 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #160041297, 04/07/16 at 1:32 AM:* A complainant that refused to leave their name reported that the bartender was intoxicated while working. I responded with some other Officers to conduct a bar check. The bartender was sober and everything was as it should be. The complaint was unfounded.
- (2) *Event #160045812, 04/17/16 at 12:27 AM:* **Bar Security** called in reference to an intoxicated male that would not leave. The male left once requested to by Officers. The bartender described the patron as behaving "creepy."

Denmar Tavern, 601 W. Thomas Street

- (1) *Event #160042695, 04/09/16 at 11:02 PM:* An anonymous person called to report that the music (specifically the bass) was too loud. Officers made contact with the bartender and the DJ and they turned it down.

Roc's Place, 810 S. 3rd Avenue

****NOTE:** Management at Roc's Place has asked Officers to conduct regular walk-throughs of the business in an attempt to prevent problems. This heightened awareness has led to Officers contacting people without the bar calling. There were also several walk-throughs conducted in which there were no problems at all.

- (1) *Event #160045846, 04/17/16 at 2:05 AM:* Someone from M&R Station called to report that there was a fight at Roc's Place. It was reported to have involved 2-4 people and was inside Roc's Place. Officers were unable to locate anyone fighting, and anyone else said the people involved had all left. No arrests made.
- (2) *Event #160046760, 04/19/16 at 1:39 AM:* Officer driving by the bar noticed a large group forming and two males arguing, one with his shirt pulled off. The two men walked east, towards S. 1st Avenue. The Officer spoke with the owner, who said the males had been causing an issue and had been asked to leave the premises. He was glad for the Officers' attention and said there were no more issues. No arrests made.

Tremor's Sports Bar, 516 W. Thomas Street

- (1) *Case #16-4116, 05/01/16 at 1:58 AM:* Officers received a report of a fight in the bar involving up to ten (10) people. By the time Officers arrived, half of the problem had left, leaving the other half. One male had minor injuries and indicated that he did not want to pursue charges. The suspect was described and a possible name was developed. More follow up was to be conducted. No arrest had been documented by the time this information had been compiled.

M&R Station, 818 S. 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #160052474, 05/01/16 at 11:54 PM:* Bar Owner, Steve Gordon, called to report that there was a male in the bar that may have had a knife or gun in his pocket. The description of the male was provided, but he not was located. Further interview of the owner indicated that no actual gun or knife was located, however he stated the left pocket of the male's hoodie was bulging and hanging low, like there was something in it.

101 Pub, 101 N. 1st Avenue

- (1) *Case #16-3321, 04/08/16 at 2:45 AM:* Officers responded to the area outside the bar for a report of a woman heard to be screaming for help. Officers made contact with a woman outside the tavern. She was confrontational and said she was just wrestling in the street with a friend. Contact was later made with the bartender, who described the woman as causing problems for a male that was with her. The two went outside, where the female started kicking the male. The female was later arrested for domestic related charges.

Cruisin 1724, 1724 Merrill Avenue

- (1) *Event #160052096, 04/30/16 at 10:11 PM:* Officers responded to the bar to make contact with a patron that was there and possibly suicidal. The male was assessed, and was found to be with a competent friend, so no mental health commitment was completed. **THE BAR HAD NO INVOLVEMENT IN THIS INCIDENT.**

Labor Temple, 318 S. 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Case #16-3360, 04/08/16 at 9:33 PM:* A citizen called the Police to report an intoxicated driver in the parking lot. Officer arrived and located the vehicle and the male operating it. It was determined that it was the same vehicle that had been involved in a hit and run crash at Domino Bar a couple hours prior. The male was arrested for several charges, to include felony OWI.

Showtime Gentlemen's Club, 1709 Merrill Avenue

- (1) *Event #160052128, 04/30/16 at 11:59:* An Officer responded to unlock a patron's vehicle.
- (2) *Event #160053952, 05/05/16 at 1:02 AM:* A male patron called for a Police escort out of the tavern to his car. Officers responded, and were not able to locate the caller. They spoke with a bouncer who told them the caller had been worried about being "jumped" by some other males because of an incident with a relation to the other group. The offending group left prior to the Officers' arrival, as did the caller.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

- There were no compliance checks in the month of April. Last month was a staffing shortage, and this month the volunteer cancelled the night before the operation was scheduled.
- There were no additions in the Demerit Point list this month. Several establishments had Points fall off last month (**Glass Hat** and **Trig's Wausau** down to 25, **Kohlman and Lee's IGA**, **Limerick's** and **Walgreen's #07009** down to 0).

Respectfully submitted,
Lt. Michael Felder