

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, January 20, 2020, at 5:15 pm, (Council Chambers)

Members Present: Rasmussen, Herbst, and McElhane

Members Excused: Peckham, Lawrence

Others Present: Alfonso, Goede, Barteck, Bliven, Mielke

Minutes of previous meetings. (12/16/19)

Motion by McElhane, second by Herbst to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 12/16/19. Motion carried 3-0.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications

Rasmussen stated there were two Operator License applications that were recommended for denial for Chad Duwe and Brianna Kriesel. It was noted that neither applicants was present to address the committee.

Motion by McElhane, second by Herbst to approve or deny license applications as recommended by staff. Motion carried 3-0.

**It was subsequently determined after this meeting that the criminal record submitted for Brianna Kriesel indicating a 2nd OWI conviction was the wrong record belonging to another individual. Based on the corrected record Chief Bliven changed his recommendation from denial to approval for Brianna Kriesel.*

Operations Report from Fire Department for December 2019

Deputy Chief Barteck reported a couple of fires resulted in two red bulbs on our Keep the Wreath Green Program, for a total of three over that period. He noted their best record was zero and their worst was eight.

Tavern Activities / Compliance Checks / Law Enforcement Activities

Chief Bliven presented the Tavern Report for December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 (*See attached*).

Chief Bliven stated he and Lt. Todd Baeten had a meeting with Richard Gordon, owner of M & R Station, at which he was initially pretty confrontational, but eventually relented somewhat. Bliven explained expectations were set and they offered to have PD staff come in and work with Gordon's staff, but the offer was declined. Bliven stated Gordon was adamant there isn't an issue at his bar and that the issues were all at Roc's Place. Gordon also complained the police were at his bar more than at Roc's Place, however, the reports show the opposite to be true. Bliven stated Gordon has been put on notice that there is a concern with the management of his establishment.

Chief Bliven stated there was another shooting incident just outside Roc's Place a couple of weeks ago. There was a suspect identified through the bar video surveillance and they are working on apprehending him. He commented there have been a number of different associations with drugs at Roc's, specifically cocaine, ecstasy and acid at different times and numerous firearms incidents. He noted that many of these incidents were discovered by officers who while on patrol have come across fights. He was concerned there may be a more significant issue going on there with fights in which they are not calling the police. He indicated he was going to do a review to determine if demerit points may have been missed that perhaps should have been assessed.

Communications

None

Adjourn

Motion by McElhane, second by Herbst to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Attachment



Robert B. Mielke
Mayor

Benjamin K. Bliven
Chief of Police

Wausau Police Department

Date: 01/04/2020
To: Chief Bliven
From: Lt. Mike Felder

Subject TAVERN REPORT December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

ROUTINE TAVERN INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

Hutch's Bar, 4411 Stewart Ave.
Malarkey's, 412 N. 3rd St.
M & R Station, 818 S. 3rd Ave.
North End Pub, 1002 N. 3rd Ave.
Oz, 320 Washington St.
Player's, 4411 Stewart Ave.
Polack Inn, 1206 N. 3rd Ave.
Roc's Place, 810 S. 3rd Ave.
Showtime Gentlemen's Club, 1709 Merrill Ave.
Treu's Tic Toc Club, 1201 W. Thomas St.
Newch's Eatery, 1810 Merrill Ave.

CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

None.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

None.

ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS

None.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS AT TAVERNS TO WHICH POLICE WERE DISPATCHED.

Cop Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington Street

- (1) *Case # Various, 12/08/19 to 12/29/19 at various times:* Officers responded to a total of five commercial burglar alarms throughout the month. By the end, they acknowledged that they were having problems with their system and requested that a key holder be contacted prior to sending Law Enforcement.

Domino Bar, 740 Washington Street

- (1) *Case #19011311, 12/01/19 at 12:20 AM:* An **employee** called to report a physical altercation. Officers responded and investigated. They found that a male and female had been having an argument. Another male interjected himself into the argument on behalf of the female. The first and second male then got into a physical altercation. The first male and the female were both arrested for Probation violations and Disorderly Conduct.

- (2) *Event #19163473, 12/10/19 at 10:32:* Officers responded or called out with suspicious activity at the bar. A male that was on probation was identified. He was told to report to his Agent the following day and released at the scene.

Hiawatha Restaurant and Lounge, 713 Grant Street

- (1) *Event #19164985, 12/13/19 at 7:44 PM:* A caller who refused to be identified called to report that there was an intoxicated person at the location that was going to be driving. An Officer responded and located the male in question prior to the male getting into a vehicle. A cab was called for the male to take him to an address on 3rd Avenue. The male left in the cab.

Cabaret Bar, 204 E. Rib Mountain Drive

- (1) *Event #19170158, 12/25/19 at 9:56 PM:* Officers had received information that a male that was on Probation was frequenting bars in the area (the male was known to have a no-drink condition of probation). An Officer located the vehicle the male was supposed to have been operating at the Cabaret Bar. The male was located inside, but claimed he had been hired by the bar and was getting his schedule from the bartender. Probation/Parole declined to put a hold on him and he was advised to report to his Agent the next business day.

Christine's Bar, 936 S. 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Case #19011896, 12/19/19 at 8:33 PM:* An **employee** called to report that there was an intoxicated male at the establishment that was causing a disturbance outside the bar. On arrival, Officers located the male, and he immediately started screaming at the Officers and became resistive. He was taken into custody and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Resisting an Officer.

Roc's Place, 810 S. 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Case #19011518, 12/07/19 at 6:21 PM:* A **bartender** called to report that she received threats from an ex-boyfriend. The bartender was requesting extra patrol at closing time. An informational report was completed by the Officer.
- (2) *Event #19165574, 12/15/19 at 2:25 AM:* An Officer was outside of Roc's when approached by a **bartender**. She requested assistance with a patron that was unable to walk on her own. The bartender admitted to serving the woman three double Captain/Cokes over the course of two hours. The bartender reported that the patron went from upright and walking/talking to not being able to control herself and puking. The woman was eventually on the floor of the bar, laying in her own vomit. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance. The woman was on Probation, however a hold was not authorized. Contact with a supervisor was made, however no citations were authorized at the time.
- (3) *Case #19011812, 12/16/19 at 1:46 PM:* A patron called to report that his wallet was stolen. The patron had already contacted the bar management, and obtained a video of a suspect that had stolen the wallet. At the time of the report, he was not able to be identified. More information was developed and a suspect was arrested.

Treu's Tic Toc Club, 1201 W. Thomas Street

- (1) *Case #19011656, 12/11/19 at 7:51 AM:* Officers responded to the bar for a commercial burglar alarm. Officers responded and made contact with the owner. It was a false alarm and the alarm form was completed.
- (2) *Case #19012170, 12/29/19 at 2:43 PM:* An Officer took a report of a hit and run. The driver responsible for the crash called in several hours later and admitted hitting the vehicle and leaving. The male was cited for unsafe backing.

M & R Station, 818 S. 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #19163474, 12/10/19 at 10:33 PM:* The **owner** called, requesting a welfare check on a male he had thrown out of the bar, now concerned that the male had nowhere to go. Officers made contact with the male and gave him a ride to a shelter.

Day's Bowl-A-Dome, 1715 Stewart Avenue

- (1) *Event #19168242, 12/20/19 at 9:12 PM:* A caller that refused to be identified reported that there was a dark colored van parked behind the business with someone inside of it, possibly doing drugs. An Officer responded and located the van. A male was seen exiting the vehicle as the Officer arrived. The male was stopped, but refused to identify himself. The male stated he had called for a ride and knew the registration of the vehicle was suspended, and had arranged for a ride. Officers were not able

to detect any indications of drug use and released the male.

101 Pub, 101 N. 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #19169276, 12/23/19 at 11:21 AM:* The **bar owner** called to report that she suspected a local homeless woman had defecated on the sidewalk in front of the bar. The owner asked that Officers speak with the woman about the issue the next time they ran into her. She also said that she would call if the suspect returned to the property.
- (2) *Event #19172597, 12/31/19 at 9:42 PM:* A **bartender** called in reference to an apparent homeless male that was in the bar, who was bothering other patrons for a ride. When asked by an Officer, the male had money for a cab and was staying at a local motel. He left in a cab.

Aftershock Bar and Grill, 1418 Lenard Street

- (1) *Case #19012025, 12/22/19 at 10:31 PM:* Officers responded to the bar for a commercial burglar alarm. The building was found to be secure, and false alarm report was completed.
- (2) *Case #19012110, 12/27/19 at 11:09 AM:* Officers responded to a report of a residential burglar alarm (tied to the business). All was secure and an alarm form was completed.

Campus Pub, 1110 W. Campus Drive

- (1) *Event #19158990, 12/01/19 at 1:46 AM:* An Officer was flagged down by another patron, pointing towards a car in the parking lot. The Officer stopped and found someone sleeping in the car in question. Contact was made with the person, who said they were waiting for someone inside the bar, and were not impaired, but just tired. The Officer found no indicators that the person was intoxicated. The male was asked to locate the friend and “move on from the center of the parking lot.”
- (2) *Case #19011778, 12/15/19 at 2:57 AM:* A patron came to the Police Department to report being verbally and emotionally abused by a person they were acquainted with. The patron saw the person that evening at the bar, where the person was again verbally abusive. The person was asked to leave the bar, which he did. The complainant simply wanted the information documented, so an informational report was completed.

Labor Temple, 318 S. 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #19161577, 12/07/19 at 12:47 AM:* A **bartender** called after there was a male patron that was causing problems in the bar, yelling and screaming. The male was kicked out of the bar. An Officer located the male, who claimed other people in the bar were disrespecting him and his past military service. Ben was upset, but did not want to go to the Crisis Center. He was willing to leave the area in a cab.

Showtime Gentlemen’s Club, 1709 Merrill Avenue

- (1) *Case #19011434, 12/05/19 at 4:49 PM:* An **employee** called to request assistance with a male that was being disruptive and touching people in the bar. The problem male left before Officers’ arrival. Another caller followed the suspect and called in his location. Officers located the suspect, and after an investigation, he was arrested for OWI (3rd Offense). No one at the bar wished to pursue charges.
- (2) *Case #19011897, 12/19/19 at 9:07 PM:* A **bartender** called to report that there was someone there that had been involved in a scuffle and may also be underage. Officers arrived and detained a male that the bar employees had stopped. The male admitted to having been drinking before coming to the bar, and to using a fake ID to attempt to enter the bar. He was cited for Underage Drinking and for possessing a fake identification.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

- **Roc’s Place Bar** dropped to zero (0) Demerit Points due to time drop-off.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt. Michael Felder