



Minutes
Committee #3
Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic

Committee #3 met Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 9:15 AM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Attendees: Bill Hicks, CW King, Mike Hanke, George Adrian and Capt John Liddell.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM.

Item 1. Review pending alcohol license applications. Possible recommendation to City Council.

Both applicants were present for the meeting: Mr. Jacobson from the NorthWestern Bank, Jim and Brenda Hopkins from the Duncan Creek Wine Bar. The following are high lights of the discussion with both applicants:

Northwestern Bank does not anticipate taking possession of the property until the end of August. Mr. Jacobson also stated the business/property would have to be priced to attract potential buyers. Mr. Jacobson is aware if his application was approved, that the amended City Ordinance 12.03(12) requires the license holder with the described premise to be open for a minimum of 20 hours per week. In the event it is not, Northwestern Bank, within 2 months would have to present to the Common Council a written statement concerning future use of the intoxicating liquor license. Mr. Jacobson was asked in developing the selling price if ten thousand dollars could be included to activate the City's reserve license. Mr. Jacobson's response was yes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins stated at least two businesses currently do not bring clients to their establishment due to their inability to serve alcohol. One of these businesses is from Eau Claire and the other from Chippewa Falls. They have asked their staff to keep track of the number of patrons that ask for alcoholic beverages. On the Saturday night preceding the Committee meeting there was seven requests. The Hopkins feel their business growth is handicapped by the lack of an alcohol license and if their applications is approved they will bring more customers into downtown Chippewa Falls.

Motion by Hanke/Hicks, all present voting aye, to recommend the City Council approve the Alcohol Beverage License Application from Duncan Creek Wine Bar, LLC. **Motion carried.**

Item 2. Discussion of safety concerns of parking on both sides of East Central Street between North Grove Street and North High Street. Possible recommendation to City Council.

Committee 3 tabled this issue and referred it to the City Engineering Department for a traffic safety analysis.

No action taken.

Item 3. Review Sidewalk Use Permit application from PC Doctors, LLC dba Pearce Wireless/Verizon, for a customer product information sign at 120 N. Bridge Street. Possible recommendation to City Council.

Committee 3 tabled this issue. The applicant should resubmit the application along with a photograph showing the sign and its location.

No action taken.

Item 4. Adjournment.

Motion by Hanke/King, all present voting aye, to adjourn at 10.05AM. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Bill Hicks, Committee #3 Chairman