

Committee #3 Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic

Committee #3 met Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 4:45 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Committee Members present: Paul Olson, CW King, and Brent Ford Council Members present: Rob Kiefer, John Monarski, Paul Nadreau, and Mayor Hoffman Others present: City Attorney Robert Ferg, Police Chief Matt Kelm, Building/Zoning Inspector Paul Lasiewicz, Director of Chippewa Falls Main Street Teri Ouimette, City Clerk Bridget Givens, and those on the attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

1. Discuss Sidewalk Use Permit Application from Hotels International to utilize the sidewalk in front of the alley between the hotel (100 N Bridge Street) and the neighboring building on September 22, 2016 for their grand opening celebration. Possible recommendations to Council.

Motion by Ford/King to recommend Council approve the Sidewalk Use Permit Application from Hotels International to utilize the sidewalk in front of the alley between the hotel (100 N Bridge Street) and the neighboring building on September 22, 2016 for their grand opening celebration. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

2. Discuss communication received from Dwayne Lambert concerning the intoxicating liquor license for Dewey's Roadhouse located at 1 E Canal Street. Possible recommendations to Council.

City Clerk Givens advised that she had requested Mr. Lambert prepare a statement as to future use of the intoxicating liquor license for Dewey's Roadhouse as they are currently not operating 20-hours per week as required by ordinance. Mr. Lambert indicated that he plans to lease or sell the building and is in the process of renovations with a target start date of November 15, 2016. He thought the renovations would take roughly 60 days to complete. Mr. Lambert is requesting to be closed until February 1, 2017.

Motion by Ford/King to recommend Council approve Mr. Lambert's request to keep his licensed premises, Dewey's Roadhouse, closed until February 1, 2017 at which time his liquor license will be revisited. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

3. Discuss limited hour parking enforcement concerns in the downtown area. Possible recommendations to Council.

Chippewa Falls Main Street Director Teri Ouimette advised that she is working with the City Engineer's office to ensure all parking maps and ordinances are in place. She will continue to work with downtown businesses relative to parking, and will contact the Clerk when she has information to present to the Committee.

No action taken.

4. Discuss speed study in the W Elm Street neighborhood including safe routes to school recommendations, potential speed boards, and feasibility of placing a pedestrian crossing at Hilary Street and Elm Street at the walking path. Possible recommendations to Council.

This item will be brought back before the Committee at the next meeting.

No action taken.

5. Discuss condition of property located at 1123 Huron Street. Possible recommendations to Council.

City Building/Zoning Inspector Lasiewicz provided an historical overview of his dealings with the property located at 1123 Huron Street including past legal action and mediation. Concern was expressed by several neighbors as to the condition of the property and how it impacts the neighborhood. City Attorney Ferg indicated that the burden of proof is on the City to prove that the owners are not in compliance with their previous settlement and with existing ordinances. Possible remedies discussed included involving the County Public Health Department and having the Police Department run checks to see if the vehicles that are parked in the yard are licensed.

The Committee indicated they will continue to monitor the situation and work with Inspector Lasiewicz to come to some sort of resolution within the parameters of the law. This item will be brought back before the Committee at the next meeting.

No action taken.

6. Adjournment
Motion by Ford/King to adjourn at 5:48 pm. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Paul Olson, Chair