

Protection & Welfare Committee Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2007

Sullivan asked Alderman Morgan to Chair the Committee in the absence of Alderman Snyder and appointed Alderman Cochrane as a temporary Committee member.

Acting Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. and the Clerk confirmed appropriate notice was given.

Members present: Mayor Sullivan and Aldermen Morgan, Hollatz and Cochrane

Members absent: Alderman Snyder

Staff present: Gard, Frye, Leidel, Dodge, Lamp, Duffy, Beguhn, Buerger, Gallo, Maurer, McKenna and Coenen

Others present: Aldermen Jones, Gross, Antonneau and Larsen and Atty. Chapman and S. Sugden

2. Discussion on Squad Decals/Striping

Beguhn reported the department currently has a fleet of five marked squads and three unmarked squads. He feels that the current design on the marked squads does not represent the City of Oconomowoc and it has been his wish to re-design the graphics. Three of the five marked units will be replaced within the next month and we have again ordered silver vehicles. He referred to the color photo included in the packets and also had larger sample strips to show the colors chosen for the new design. Using a combination of blue, white and yellow decals we will be using a diagonal stripe and incorporating our badge into the design. This design will make our squads more distinctive and the blue and yellow colors provide a natural fit in our community. Additionally, the yellow striping will be reflective which will make our vehicles more visible at night and safer for the officers. The cost of the striping is the same as the current design. G. Timmel of Oconomowoc Sign has offered to strip and buff the existing decals from the two remaining squads in the fleet at no cost to the City if we choose to decal them all. The only fee for those two squads will be to apply the decals. Cochrane stated that she is glad a local business is doing the job and feels the design looks nice. The Committee is in agreement with the new design and colors.

3. Consider/Recommend the Purchase of Digital in-Squad Cameras

Buerger reported that in 2007 the department budgeted \$35,000 to replace four squad cameras that are nine years old and one additional camera for the Ford Explorer. The life expectancy of the current cameras is seven years and over the last few years we have had numerous repair costs and downtime. Currently two of the four cameras are out of service. We have looked at three vendors, getting a demonstration from WatchGuard and MPH. After reviewing the information submitted, staff is recommending the purchase of five systems from WatchGuard in the amount of \$26,975. They have also agreed to give the department a 60 day money back guarantee, less the cost of installation. Part of the remaining monies budgeted would be used for installation of the units and purchase of blank DVD's. Other features include better picture resolution in the dark, an overhead mounting system and pre-empt recording. The DVD's will be stored daily and kept for 120 days. We did not purchase every option, such as high speed pursuit. If a high speed chase occurs, the officer is in constant radio contact reporting speed, etc. so we would have the audio tape on record.

Motion by Morgan to recommend the purchase of five Digital in-Squad Cameras from WatchGuard in the amount of \$26,975.00; second by Hollatz. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Consider/Recommend the Purchase of SCBA Equipment through the 2006 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Leidel reported that the purchase of this equipment will complete the project started three years ago. Two quotes were received and the low quote from Oshkosh Fire and Police Equipment in the amount of \$49,130 meets all the project specifications. Our original grant approval was for \$54,805. The Federal grant share is \$52,065 and the local match amount is \$2,740. Due to the favorable pricing on this equipment, we will have \$2,935 remaining in our grant amount. Leidel has requested and received permission from FEMA to use the remaining funds to purchase additional SCBA accessories and equipment. Those being: 60 Nomex facepiece retention straps, 2 additional spare SCBA cylinders and 1 spare facepiece for a total of \$2,930. The money for the match was budgeted in 2007 and this will be the only cost to the City.

Motion by Cochrane to recommend the purchase of SCBA Equipment from Oshkosh Fire and Police Equipment in the amount of \$49,130.00; second by Hollatz. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Consider/Recommend Amendment to Chapter 12.04(4)(a) and (5)2.(k) & (l) and Create Section 12.04(14) of the Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverages Ordinance

Sullivan reported that the City has not been following the current code and has deviated from the requirements by issuing or allowing retention of licenses to businesses that are not in compliance. We are all aware that there is a shortage of licenses needed for Pabst Farms development and for others in the community. The intent of the amendment is to get Council's direction on how they want to handle license applications in the future.

Coenen then explained the changes on Page 3, Item (a), Page 4, Items (k) & (l) and Page 7, Item (14), stating that the verbiage in bold type indicates new language added and the verbiage struck out will be deleted. These changes are meant to give a better definition of cause for revocation and City procedures in accepting license applications.

Sullivan stated that because of the scarcity of licenses in the market, talk of back door sales has started. What we need to accomplish is to tighten up the issuance of licenses and be consistent. Morgan noted that a revocation could not automatically happen without a public hearing. Sullivan stated that as of July 1, 2007 (the new licensing period) the applicant will have 90 days to commence business before revocation and that this requirement has always been in our code. Maybe Council feels some need to have licenses spoken for because of development or maybe they may want to change the time frame. Jones stated that if there is no building, then there is no license, but what about new construction, 90 days would not be enough time.

Gard addressed the legislation side of this issue. We are not the only community facing this challenge and we are hoping to get representatives from both parties to support legislation to change the laws for restaurants.

Sullivan stated that possibly for new businesses, plans would be approved first and then the license. This amendment is a short term effort to tighten up our practices. Long term, legislation is needed.

Motion by Cochrane to recommend the amendment to Chapter 12.04(4)(a) and (5)2.(k) & (l) and Create Section 12.04(14) of the Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverages Ordinance; second by Hollatz. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Cochrane to adjourn; second by Hollatz. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes taken by

Diane Coenen, City Clerk
Ald. Hollatz, Secretary