

**APPROVED 7/3/19**

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE  
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING  
Thursday, January 3, 2019 6:00pm  
City Hall Conference Room**

**In Attendance:**

Vice-Chairman Seaver Tarulis      Alderman Chris Funkhouser  
Alderman Joe Plocher

Absent: Alderman Carlo Colosimo

**Other City Officials in Attendance:**

Assistant City Administrator Erin Willrett  
Police Chief Rich Hart

**Others in Attendance:**

Rita Vargas-Ohana Healing Hands      Dan Wunderlich-Ohana Healing Hands  
Bryan Furr-4 You Massage      Kelly Furr-4 Your Massage  
Shelley Carlson-SNC Wholistic Wellness

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Vice-Chairman Seaver Tarulis and a quorum was established.

**Citizen Comments:**

Mr. Bryan Furr, licensed massage therapist, said he received a letter from the city regarding massage establishment sole proprietorships and said that sole proprietorships should be carved out. He said he brings business into the city and does not wish to be grouped with other businesses or questionable activities. He participates in many civic activities in the community, donates money and volunteers.

Ms. Rita Vargas, licensed massage therapist at Ohana Healing Hands, said she is aware that officials are sent into massage business to spot check. She has been a therapist in Yorkville for 4 years with no issues, belongs to civic organizations and volunteers. She also has to pay fees that other businesses do not. She said licenses and renewals are necessary, fees have to be paid, and background checks had to be done through the State and then through the city.

Mr. Wunderlich said they just re-signed their lease last week and they have to pay those costs no matter what the city decides.

Ms. Shelley Carlson, licensed massage therapist and nutritionist, said renewal costs are very expensive in comparison to their profit margin. They also having continuing education costs.

**New Business:**

(item moved forward on agenda)

***3. PS 2019-03 Massage Establishments - Review of Licensing Requirements***

Ms. Willrett said staff looked at what was previously approved in January 2018 compared to what the business complied with and the current language. It was found that sole proprietorships do not meet all the requirements of today and Ms. Willrett listed those. Staff made several recommendations for the committee to consider. She also listed the fees charged to the business owner, but she said fee changes can be discussed. The fees cover background checks, fingerprinting, administration fees and licensing. An ordinance will be drafted and taken to the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Afer the committee finished their discussion, Ms. Carlson expressed her concern about not being allowed to asked questions or make statements. The committee said the Public Comment portion is set aside for citizens to express their concerns. Ms. Carlson said the massage business is their income and they are invested in the community. She said the \$500 annual fee is not affordable, other businesses are not charged this same fee and the city is taking away their livelihood. She added that she was grandfathered and no one explained how the fee money was spent.

***1. PS 2019-01 Police Reports for September-November 2018***

Chief Hart said these are routine reports with nothing out of the ordinary.

***2. PS 2019-02 Adjudication Reports for October-December 2018***

Police Chief Hart said the reports were very normal for these months. He said Newark has been part of the city's adjudication system for about a year with only a couple citations and it was not a burden. Committee members said they appreciated the report updates. Some of the reports may not have been sent due to changes in the group email lists and Chief Hart said the reports should start arriving on a regular basis.

***4. PS 2019-04 Liquor Code Amendments – Brewery and Microbrewery/Brewpub***

In anticipation of city growth and new business, staff is recommending a change to the liquor ordinance language defining microbrewery and brewpubs which will match the state liquor code. Currently the ordinance language states “barrels per year” and staff recommends changing that to “gallons per year”. Like the State, the city will allow 155,000 gallons per year for sale. Staff is also recommending to add a class “brewery” to be allowed to sell 930,000 gallons of beer per year to match the State. A suggested fee is \$1,750 per year. This goes to Public Hearing on January 9<sup>th</sup>. It will then move to the City Council consent agenda and there will be two separate ordinances.

***5. PS 2019-05 Purchasing Decisions***

The Purchasing Manager was unable to attend the meeting and provide the information requested. This item will be brought back to the next Public Safety meeting. The matter will also go to the Administration committee.

## **6. PS 2019-06 Police Department Staffing**

Chief Hart prepared a staffing memo in response to an inquiry from Alderman Colosimo. Four additional officers have recently been sworn in and will start soon, bringing the staff to 34. He added that the police facility is designed for 20 officers. After the 3-month police academy training they will be assigned to a rotation of FTO's for hands on training. The Chief said it's common to expect a 50% 'washout' rate. Alderman Funkhouser asked how the department will get back to full service and have an officer in the schools, along with policing. This will be considered during the budget process. This information goes to the Administration Committee also.

## **Old Business**

### **1. PS 2018-16 Liquor Code Amendment – Employment of Minors**

This was discussed in the October Public Safety meeting and addressed delivery service for alcohol. The delivery person must be 21 years of age, sales logs must be kept, signatures must be obtained, payments cannot be accepted by the driver and orders cannot be placed at the delivery location. The committee recommended approval and this moves to the Council consent agenda.

### **2. PS 2018-18 Code Amendment – Licensing Requirements for Resale Dealers**

This item was also discussed in October and staff has revised language. Ms. Willrett said the 35% figure was left in and “which generates more than \$1 million of merchandise” was added. Currency and coins are not included in the ordinance. This moves to the regular agenda for the next Council meeting.

## **Additional Business**

Some vandalism occurred to Christmas decorations. Chief Hart asked that the email information sources should contact the police even if no report is made and that some households may have taken images with doorbell cameras. He said the cost for the home systems is about \$200-\$300 and some crimes have been solved with them.

(Out of sequence)

### **Minutes for Correction/Approval: October 4, 2018**

The minutes were approved unanimously. At the last meeting, Alderman Funkhouser asked for police stats on a monthly basis, rather than quarterly, and Chief Hart will provide.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

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