

CITY OF VERONA
MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
May 9, 2022

1. Call to order: Reekie called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Heather Reekie, Phil Hoechst, and Evan Touchett were present. Also present: City Clerk Holly Licht, Police Chief Bernie Coughlin and Sergeant Jesse Christensen.
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Minutes from the April 25, 2022 Public Safety and Welfare Committee meeting.
Motion by Touchett, seconded by Hoechst to approve the April 25, 2022 Public Safety and Welfare Committee. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Special Event Permit application from Annemarie Miller, The Sows Ear, for Knit in Public Day, on Saturday, June 11th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Sows Ear is hosting an event for Knit in Public Day. The Applicant is requesting use of the public parking lot located behind the Sows Ear. This space will be used like a patio. There will be no alcohol served, and food will be sold only from Sows Ear. Police will post no parking lot before the event. The north part of the parking lot will still be available for parking.

Motion by Reekie, seconded by Touchett to approve the Special Event Permit application from Annemarie Miller, The Sows Ear, for Knit in Public Day, on Saturday, June 11th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.
6. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Special Event Permit application from Brian Hamilton, Race Day Events, for the Wisconsin Triterium Triathlon on Saturday, June 25th from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

This event has been held at Firemen's Park for several years. The swim portion will take place at Firemen's park with lifeguards on site, and in the water. After the swim, athletes will transition to the bike portion, which leaves out of Fireman's Park and goes South on Paoli St. Following the bike race, the run portion will begin at Fireman's Park and loop around. There will be several officers staffing intersections. Barricades will be provided by Race Day Events, and they will also post the detour routes. Fitch-Rona EMS will be on site for the duration of the event. Traffic northbound from Paoli will be detoured to Bruce St. This will allow access to the beach and access the Public Works site. The applicant has been granted permission to use HWY 69 and the trails.

Motion by Reekie, seconded by Touchett to approve a Special Event Permit application from Brian Hamilton, Race Day Events, for the Wisconsin Triterium Triathlon on Saturday, June 25th from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Special Event Permit application and Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Wine license from Le Jordan, Verona Area Chamber of Commerce, for Hometown Days on Friday, June 3-Sunday, June 5

Hometown Days will again be located at Festival Park located behind City Hall. The general layout of the festival is consistent with previous years. Fireworks will be held on Friday night. Other weekend activities include pony rides, a petting zoo, the Hometown Hustle 5K run/walk, live music, food stands, carnival rides, the Hometown Rumble car show, and the Hometown Days parade.

The Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License allows the Verona Area Chamber of Commerce to sell beer and wine at the Hometown Days event. The beer tent will be open Friday through Sunday. Beer will be served in cans; there will be no draft beer. Children aged 14 and under will be allowed in the beer tent with a parent until 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, and until 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. A safe ride program will be provided. A licensed bartender will be on site during all beer tent hours. Staff recommends approval contingent upon receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Motion by Reekie, seconded by Hoechst to recommend that the Common Council approve a special Event Permit application and Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Wine license from Le Jordan, Verona Area Chamber of Commerce, for Hometown Days on Friday, June 3-Sunday, June 5 contingent upon receipt of certificate of insurance and Fire Department approval of fireworks. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Re: A change of agent request from Skogen Foodliner, Inc., d/b/a Festival Foods, located at 660 Hometown Circle

Festival Foods has requested a change of agent from Jeff Brasel to Travis Pitz. A background check was completed, and no issues were identified.

Motion by Reekie, seconded by Hoechst to recommend approval of a change of agent request from Skogen Foodliner, Inc., d/b/a Festival Foods, located at 660 Hometown Circle. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Discussion Re: Marijuana arrest data requested at the February 28, 2022 meeting

Chief Coughlin gave an overview of marijuana arrests from 2017-2021. He highlighted that many were secondary citations, how many were officer initiated, and how many were citizen initiated. He also showed how many citations were issued vs. the number of convictions. The average citation amount for 2021 was \$188.62.

10. Adjournment: Motion by Reekie, seconded by Touchett to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.