

CITY OF VERONA
PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 14, 2023

1. Call to order: Phil Hoechst called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Phil Hoechst and Evan Touchett were present. Also present: City Clerk Holly Licht, Sergeant Matt Lovell and Police Chief Dave Dresser. Rye Kimmett was absent and excused.
3. Public Comments: None
4. Approval of Minutes from the July 24, 2023 Public Safety and Welfare Committee meeting
Motion by Touchett, seconded by Hoechst to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2023 Public Safety and Welfare Committee meeting. Motion carried 2-0.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Re: A special event application from Regan Vanden Boogard, Sugar Creek PTO, for the Sugar Creek Fun Run on Saturday, October 7, 2023

This is the 7th year of the fundraising event for the Sugar Creek Elementary School PTO. The course begins and ends at Sugar Creek Elementary. There will be roughly 300 participants. The Police Department will post no parking signs along the route. An Officer will be on West Harriet at the entrance of the school. Volunteers will be posted throughout the route. Staff recommends approval.

Motion by Touchett, seconded by Hoechst to approve a special event application from Regan Vanden Boogard, Sugar Creek PTO, for the Sugar Creek Fun Run on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Motion carried 2-0.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Re: A special event application from Rita Mortenson, Verona Area High School, for the VAHS Homecoming Parade on October 13, 2023

This is the first year that the parade will be going around the outer road loop of VAHS. An officer will lead the parade. It is expected that 40-50 units will participate in the parade beginning at 4:15 p.m. and lasting roughly 45 minutes. Three intersections will be blocked to prevent entrance from public roadways onto the parade route. VASD will communicate will businesses impacted by the route.

Motion by Touchett, seconded by Hoechst to approve a special event application from Rita Mortensen, Verona Area High School for the VAHS Homecoming Parade on October 13, 2023. Motion carried 2-0.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Re: A special event application from Ryan Richards, World Triathlon Corporation, for Ironman Wisconsin on Sunday, September 10, 2023

The cycling portion of the Ironman Wisconsin Race will pass through Verona twice. The first cyclist is expected to pass through the City around 8 a.m. and the last cyclist will pass through around 5:00 p.m. There will be several road closures and multiple officers directing traffic. Electronic sign boards will be placed on Main St. and E. Verona Ave. prior to the race to notify motorists of the race. There are some concerns around CTH PH and Shady Oak. Event organizers will be meeting with the county to discuss this portion of the race.

Motion by Touchett, seconded by Hoechst to approve a special event permit. Motion carried 2-0.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Re: A special event application from Majenta Stuntebeck, FairShare CSA Coalition, for Bike the Barns on Sunday, September 17, 2023

The bike ride will begin and end in Verona, visiting various farms in county jurisdiction. The applicant expects around 800 riders. It is not a race. The route includes Cross County Rd., N. Nine Mound Rd., Northern Lights Rd., CTH PD, CTH M, Range Trail, and the Badger Mill Creek Path. There are some concerns regarding the construction on CTH PD and Shady Oak. The applicant will be working with the county to confirm that portion of the route. Stop ahead signs will be posted on Cross Country at Hemlock and Tamarack to help ensure bikes stop. Sergeant Lovell presented an alternate route due to the construction in the area of CTH PD and Shady Oak.

Motion by Hoechst, seconded by Touchett to approve a special event application from Majenta Stuntebeck, FairShare CSA Coalition, for Bike the Barns on Sunday, September 17, 2023 based on the route changes as presented by Sergeant Lovell. Motion carried 2-0.

9. Discussion and Possible Action Re: A special event permit application and Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Wine license from Michael Obrien, Verona Wildcat Youth Hockey, for the Hometown Brewdown beer tasting event from 1 p.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2023

This event is a craft beer fest with proceeds going to Verona Wildcat Youth Hockey. The applicant is expecting 50 breweries to participate and around 1,000 attendees. The hours of operation will be 1p.m-6 p.m. Organizers will be checking IDs and giving wristbands to attendees. The fencing and layout are consistent with past years. There will be a band, silent auction, games, and food for sale. Staff recommend approval contingent upon receipt of the certificate of insurance.

Motion by Hoechst, seconded by Touchett 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 Michael Obrien, Verona Wildcat Youth Hockey, for the Hometown Brewdown beer tasting event from 1 p.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2023 contingent upon receipt of certificate of insurance. Motion carried 2-0.

10. Discussion and Possible Action Re: A special event permit application and Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage license from Simeon Alder, Madison 56ers Soccer Club, for the Madison 56ers Fall Invitational on September 8, 2023-September 10, 2023

Motion by Touchett, seconded by Hoechst to recommend that the Common Council approve a special event permit application and Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage license from Simeon Alder, Madison 56ers Soccer Club, for the Madison 56ers Fall Invitational on September 8, 2023-September 10, 2023, contingent upon operator licenses issued for the event. Motion carried 2-0.

11. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Operator license denial hearing for Eugene Crisler

Chief Dresser state that he is recommending denial of the license due to the applicant's criminal history. Crisler stated that he is not the person reflected in his criminal history. He is a community leader in Madison. He stated that his case did not include a minor. Crisler added that denying his application would hinder his ability to provide for his family. He stated that denying the application would violate his employment rights by discriminating against him because of his criminal record. He is looking to work at Cahoots. The committee took no action on the item.

12. Adjournment: Motion by Touchett, seconded by Hoechst to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Licht, City Clerk