

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
FINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 7:00 P.M.**

1. Roll Call- Members present were Aldermen Dave Larson and Doug Biggs. Absent and excused was Alderman Driscoll. Also present was the City Administrator Mark Grams, City Clerk Susan Westerbeke, City Attorney Eric Eberhardt and Police Chief Kevin Hingiss.
2. Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting- Motion made by Alderman Biggs, seconded by Alderman Larson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Approve Original Operator License Applications- Motion made by Alderman Biggs, seconded by Alderman Larson to recommend approval of an Original Operator License for Stephanie Mabry and Logan Blumenberg as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Original Operator License Applicant Amber Lowrie was present for consideration of her license application. Also present was the City Attorney and Police Chief. Ms. Lowrie addressed the Committee and reported on her police record, including past offenses one of which was a 2014 felony conviction for identity theft with probation, which she is currently serving. The other was a 2010 misdemeanor for theft-movable property, which she did not include on her application. Two letters were distributed by Ms. Lowrie for review by the Committee, one from her mother who was one of the identity theft victims and the other from her probation officer. Ms. Lowrie is working for Al Uselding at Pier 6 and Patio Bar & Grill. Mr. Uselding would have appeared on her behalf, but was unable to be at this meeting. He will continue to employ her with or without the license.

City Attorney Eberhardt reported to the Committee on the city ordinance which requires a 15 day notice to an applicant when being recommended for a denial. When Ms. Lowrie was contacted by phone and informed of this notice and that her application would be heard the first meeting in February. Ms. Lowrie asked to waive that right so that she could appear this evening. The City Attorney further informed the Committee about State Statute on not issuing a license to a convicted felon who had not been pardoned. The Wisconsin Fair Employment Act law states that you can be issued a license if the felony is not related to has a substantial relationship to the felony conviction or the job she will doing. This license request does directly relate to her past two offenses as they were both related to theft of money, the misdemeanor theft of cash from the register at work and the felony theft of money from use of her parents business credit card.

Police Chief Hingiss reported on his recommendation for denial of this license due to her felony charge and working in a bar establishment. The position she would be holding would involve taking money and credit cards from customers.

Lowrie's father was present and spoke on her behalf. He was one of the felony theft victims along with the mother and their bar/restaurant business. She was taken back into the family establishment for a year.

The got involved with her brother, which was part of her issue. He has had no issues with her in the time she returned to work. Following further discussion, Motion made by Alderman Biggs, seconded by Alderman Larson to recommend denying the Original Operator License application for Amber Lowrie. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Financing For Acquisition Of Senior Center Building- The City Administrator updated the Committee on the response from Carol Wirth regarding funding options for purchase of the building. The WWTP fund can be used if there is a letter of intent and resolution to repay the fund done.
5. Public Comments/Appearances- None.
6. Chairman's Business- None.
7. Member's Business- None.
8. Adjournment- Motion made by Alderman Biggs, seconded by Alderman Larson to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.