

MINUTES

CITY OF MINERAL POINT POLICE & LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 5:30 P.M. City Hall Community Room

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Graber at 5:30 PM.

Brian Graber, Chair	Present
Keith Burrows	Excused
Steph McKeon	Present
Others Present: Administrator Matt Honer, Clerk-Treasurer Christy Skelding, Police Chief Bob Weier, Alan Schrank, Brian Blanchette	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 4, 2025 MEETING

Motion (McKeon/Graber) to approve the minutes. Motion carried, all voting aye (2-0).

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR 2025-2026 “CLASS A” RETAILERS BEER & LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BITTERSWEET HOLDINGS, LLC, D/B/A STAPLE AND FANCY, 110 HIGH STREET, BRIAN BLANCHETTE, AGENT.

Motion (McKeon/Graber) to recommend Council approval of the application for 2025-2026 “Class A” Retailers Beer and Liquor licenses for Bittersweet Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Staple and Fancy, 110 High Street. Motion carried, all voting aye (2-0).

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR 2025-2026 CIGARETTE/TOBACCO LICENSE FOR LIMESTONE, LLC, 52 HIGH STREET.

Motion (McKeon/Graber) to recommend Council approval of the application for a 2025-2026 Cigarette/Tobacco license for Limestone, LLC, 52 High Street. Motion carried, all voting aye (2-0).

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2026 POLICE BUDGET.

Police Chief Weier stated that the Police Department would like to maintain 24/7 coverage, and has worked with the Police Department budget on ways to keep the coverage, but save expenses. He stated that they would still have 24/7 coverage, but instead of having two officers on duty every weekend, they will go down to one officer on duty each weekend.

Weier stated that there is a cost savings to the city while maintaining 24/7 coverage and not cutting staff. There will be occasions where more than one officer will be needed. The Police Department has trialed one officer on duty instead of two officers on Friday nights throughout this year and stated that it has worked well for the Department so far.

Weier shared his estimated cost-savings with a reduction in weekend coverage.

Alder Graber asked where the overtime hours in the Police Department come from. Chief Weier stated that the majority of overtime hours are due to covering vacation time.

Administrator Honer asked Chief Weier about the proposal of the shift reduction. Chief Weier stated that he will continue to schedule the cover car on weekends, and if an officer would like to take time off, they just will not have a cover car. He will not schedule specific times where there is only one officer on duty. A cover car will always be scheduled; it just may not always be filled.

The committee doesn't see any red flags with the proposed budget and recommends the budget as proposed, with the reduction in coverage on weekends.

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (McKeon/Graber) to adjourn at 6:14 PM. Motion carried, all voting aye (2-0).

Matthew Honer, City Administrator

Approved: December 1, 2025