

Safety and Health Committee Meeting
Monday May 17th 6 p.m.

Members in attendance:

Alderman Kyle Buettner
Alderman Steve Notheisen
Alderman Jim Trantham
Alderman Jim Hopkins
Alderman Russ Row

Others in attendance:

Mayor Tom Smith
Shawn Kennedy
Tim Birk
Sarah Deutch
Nathan Krebel

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

1. Petitions by Citizen on Non-Agenda Items – None.
2. Pumpkinfest – After discussion on recent updated mask guidelines by the CDC and the Illinois Governor issuing an executive order to bring Illinois in line with those guidelines, a motion was made by Alderman Steve Notheisen to advise Sarah Deutch to go forward with Waterloo Pumpkinfest 2021. Alderman Jim Hopkins seconded the motion, all members voted yea, and zero voted nay.
3. Covid-19 Addendum to Special Event Permit – Discussion – The latest information we have been provided, by the State of Illinois and the Monroe County Health Dept., stated that Illinois would be out of Phase 5 Transition on June 11, 2021. Alderman Steve Notheisen made a motion that we would only revisit using the Covid-19 Addendum to a Special Event Permit if the state would go back to Covid-19 Mitigation Level Four or below of the Restore Illinois Plan. Alderman Russ Row seconded the motion, all members voted yea, and zero voted nay.
4. Outdoor Seating – Discussion – On June 11th, the State of Illinois is projected to be transitioned out of the Restore Illinois Plan. The committee discussed no longer allowing public parking spots to be used by businesses for outside dining. It had only been allowed, since Covid-19, in an attempt to increase table space for local dining establishments facing restrictions on indoor dining. With that in mind, Alderman Steve Notheisen made a motion to end the outdoor dining program in the City of Waterloo’s public parking spaces at the end of business on May 31, 2021. Alderman Jim Hopkins seconded the motion, all members voted yea, and zero voted nay.
5. Comments – Mayor Tom Smith noted, that since everything in this situation with outside events is very fluid, he would like for the council to look past the 60-day notice for Special Event Applications for the time being as many organizations did not know 60 days ago what the Covid-19 situation would be this summer. All members of the committee agreed with that statement.