

**Village of Spring Valley, Wisconsin  
Ordinance Committee  
August 19, 2024**

Chairman Huepfel called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Members Present: Huepfel, Erickson, P. Koch

Staff present: Emerson, Lilly

Approval of Agenda: **Motion (Erickson/P. Koch) to approve agenda. Carried**

Downtown bar owners and another business owner were present to discuss the Street Use Ordinance. Bars have been reduced to 1 Street Use Permit per year and there are restrictions on the timing of the street closing out of respect for other businesses that are open until noon on McKay Ave. Bars are wondering why they were reduced from 2 to 1 allowed Street Use Permit per year. It was explained that closing of the streets has started earlier than what was granted, permittees should be talking to businesses to let them know the street will be closed and this hasn't been done, burn outs are happening on the blacktop street, reduced police staff, empty bottles and other debris left on the sidewalks, windows, etc. Tony Vodnik offered to fund raise for staffing, however this is not allowed by the Village/State. Barricades at the Car Show on the south side of McKay at S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street were not put up until 12:25 p.m. resulting in at least 1 person walking through the intersection with an open container, street was to remain open on the south side up to the theater until 10:30 a.m. but was impassible from parked cars at 8:00 a.m. Most recently there was a bike run where Spillway and Rusty Horse were stops, neither had anyone at the door to keep people from taking open containers onto the sidewalk and street. When asked by Officer Lilly, they stated they are only allowed 1 closure and didn't want to use it for this event. It was stated that Broz Bar in Ellsworth is allowed to have sidewalk/street open container. This section of Ellsworth is not a main traffic area for other businesses in Ellsworth. Bar owners have stated that other municipalities in River Falls and Ellsworth allow drinking on the sidewalk/street and no permission is needed. They are asking the Village to allow the same, something that is illegal in and of itself. Emerson stated that when the Street Use Permit started a few years ago she called Elmwood, Ellsworth, and River Falls; none of the Clerks had issued Street Use Permits, they aren't allowed to shut down streets for something like this.

Parties agreed to meet again on Monday September to see what resolution we can come up with.

**Motion (Huepfel/Erickson) to adjourn 7:04 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Luann Emerson, Administrator