



## Cannon Falls CHI Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17, 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.

*Healthy kids*

*Healthy families*

*Healthy communities*

### Law Enforcement Roundtable Discussion Re: Ordinances

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Glenn Christian	Phillip Hammes	Judy Haberman	Dean Lundgren	Nancy Mills
	Scott Mattingly	Ruth Rice	Carla Bartmann	Sonja Landon	Jan Fennern
	Stacy Larson	Joanne Pohl			
<b>Guests:</b>	Scott McNurlin	Jeff McCormick	Tim Sletten	Lee Sjolander	Shannon Harvey
	Gary Selness	Gene Leifeld			

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Stacy called the meeting to order. Stacy welcomed all attendees. The format of the meeting was different as there was a focus on the Law Enforcement Roundtable Discussion which included discussion on the Mandatory Seller/Server and Social Host ordinances.





Introductions were conducted by all attendees.

#### **I& II. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Agenda:**

The November minutes and agenda were reviewed by attendees. Glenn motioned to approve the agenda and minutes. The motion was seconded by Nancy. All approved, the motion carried.

#### **III. Law Enforcement Roundtable Discussion:**

Stacy provided a bit of background information on the events that lead up to this discussion. During the November council meeting the council viewed a CHI power point presentation about the Mandatory Seller/Server and Social Host ordinances. After the presentation, the council decided that they would like to hear from individuals who were directly involved with the ordinance in the areas that currently have the ordinances in place. Following is a breakdown of information that they were interested in obtaining:

-  Successes and challenges with getting the ordinances passed and post implementation of ordinances
-  Effectiveness of these two ordinances in addressing the issue of underage drinking
-  What activity and action is happening or planned at the county level
-  Local views and opinions on the scope of the problem of underage drinking along with associated issues we are seeing at the local level from the CF PD

#### **Following are highlights of this discussion:**

##### **Lee Sjolander (Kenyon Chief of Police & Chair of the Kenyon-Wanamingo CHI Council)**

Lee started the conversation and provided background on his experiences with the Social Host ordinance which was implemented in Kenyon in 2009. They had an issue during RoseFest 2008 where there were house parties and issues with alcohol that started the process. Lee contacted Tim and got a copy of the RW Social Host ordinance and then revised it for Kenyon. He took it to the City Council and said that there was really no issues or challenges associated with passing

the ordinance. Lee mentioned that the ordinance is really another tool in their toolbelt to address underage drinking. In Kenyon the ordinance has worked out very well and has been successful in reducing the amount of house parties as people understand that there will be consequences. Lee introduced Shannon Harvey who has done a great job with their Safe and Sober program.

**Tim Sletten (Red Wing Chief of Police, CHI Red Wing Council Member & CHI Advisory Board Member)**

Tim provided background information on his experiences with both of the ordinances.

Red Wing was the second in the state to implement the Social Host ordinance. Chaska was the first. When they took it to the City of Red Wing, Tim was the voice that presented the ordinance but the approach was taken as a community proposal and solution. The Red Wing City Council had many questions that were asked and the one thing that was agreed upon was the RWPD would not write Social Host tickets at the scene. They would submit a report to the county attorney's office and then give additional consideration as to if it was truly a case of social host before issuing a ticket.

Since 2007, they have issued 20 Social Host citations. Again, this is a tool for Law Enforcement. It also sends the message out that we are not going to tolerate underage drinking parties in our communities. He mentioned that overall illegal consumption and partying tickets are down.

As to the Seller/Server Ordinance, he said that they have approximately 20 establishments in the RW area and they are down 3 police officers. He said that the training has been accepted very well by the establishments and they look at it as a tool for them. Most utilize the on-line Minnesota-AST program. He said that the first year they had 0 compliance failures, the following year they had 7 and then this past December they only had 1 failure. He mentioned that when there were 7 failures, we received a response to one of our letters from an RW establishment owner who was furious. Tim, Stacy and the chair of the RW CHI went to meet with the owner to see what the CHI can do to help the businesses. It was great to get that feedback and opportunity to be a resource for the business owners. Each of the failures was due to human error.

Both of the ordinances made sense as an overall approach to prevention. It is all about changing the attitudes of people. This comes from multiple solutions. We ask, what can we do better?

**Question:** What are the penalties are for the compliance failure? It is a gross misdemeanor for the seller and the business receives civil penalties.

**Question:** What are the penalties for social host? It is a misdemeanor and those penalties are decided by the judge.

**Question:** Do businesses receive a break on their insurance rates? Some offer a discount on their dram shop insurance rates of up to around 10%, however, there are also some insurance policies that require proof of training before insuring so it is mandatory for them to be covered. Each establishment would need to check with their insurance company on this.

**Scott McNurlin (Goodhue County Sherriff & CHI Advisory Board Member)**

Scott and Joanne mentioned that the ordinances were generally presented to the County Board during the Committee of the Whole meeting late last year. Additional discussions have been conducted with individuals such as the Steve Betcher (County Attorney), Scott Arneson (County Administrator) and Dan Rechtzigel (County Commissioner). They are all supportive of the ordinances. At this time, Steve is drafting the ordinances and then it will be presented to the county board to consider and vote on hopefully early this year.

Scott reiterated that the ordinances are again a tool for law enforcement. With the Social Host ordinance in place, it allows law enforcement the opportunity for immediate reaction. Without it, the procedures require additional upfront research prior to responding to tips. Example was given of a tip that came across the Anonymous Tip Line.

Joanne said that we know from research that unless the training is mandatory and enforced, we do not see the desired outcomes.

**Jeff McCormick (Cannon Falls Chief of Police)**

Jeff provided some background information on what is happening around the CF area in addition to some comments on the ordinances. He said that they are in the process of re-codification of the current ordinances which they hope to have done in June. He feels that the ordinances are a good idea and likes the approach of it coming from the community perspective. As we discussed what topics are covered within the Minnesota AST Training, Jeff mentioned that the serving of intoxicated individuals is of a large portion of concern in our area. He says that this leads to the bar fights and violence that they have to deal with. It is a concern in a small police department to take an officer off the streets to have him transport these individuals to detox. With these ordinances in place, hopefully it will provide a proactive solution so that they law enforcement officials can focus on other key areas.

**Scott Mattingly (Cannon Falls Police Officer and CF CHI Member)**

Scott provided some additional background information on what he is seeing in the area, particularly around the house parties and making the “young adults” ages 21-23 responsible for hosting the parties that include their underage friends. He said that they have written 13 or so underage drinking/illegal consumption tickets at these gatherings. Typically in these situations the legal adult does not supply the liquor but allows the underage individuals to drink. The Social Host would allow them a tool to deal better with these situations.

The discussion closed with many comments about the beneficial information offered at the meeting and the appreciation to each of our guests for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend!




At the February meeting, we will discuss the ordinances further and talk about next steps and timeline should the council decide to proceed. Please note that additional information on the ordinances can be located on the main CHI website at [www.chi-goodhue.org/pendingprojects.php](http://www.chi-goodhue.org/pendingprojects.php)

**V. Other Business Items:**

**Due to time limitations, we decided to conduct our additional business items electronically. Following is a brief overview of these business items:**

### **Advertising Opportunity:**

We have an advertising opportunity that I would like to present to the Cannon Falls CHI council. We were contacted by Kathy Tilderquist stating that there is an opportunity for the CHI to purchase an ad for the Cannon Falls High School Lantern newspaper. Following are the costs and sizes:

-  1/4 page ad in every issue: \$80 per issue (4" by 8")
-  1/8 page ad in every issue: \$50 per issue (4" by 5" or 5" by 4")
-  Business card ad in every issue: \$25 per issue (2" by 4")

There will be 3 more issues printed between now and the end of the school year so if we decide to proceed with the ad, we will also need to decide if we would like the ad to be included in 1 or more of the remaining issues. **The next deadline for print January 25th.** If the council is interested in putting an ad in the paper, then I will proceed in designing it and then we could take a vote and finalize at the meeting on 1/17. Please let me know your thoughts on how you would like to proceed with this.

Please note that our current account balance is: \$1,441.97. Attached is the most current expense report for your reference.

I welcome your feedback and thoughts. Please let me know if you would like to motion to approve or deny this transaction. If I could get your feedback by Thursday 1/20, that would be great!

### **2011 PTO Mini Golf Tournament ~ January 29 & January 30:**

The schedule for the event is:

- 1/29 from 10 am – 5 pm
- 1/30 from noon – 5 pm

The hole is currently at Micki Callister's. She mentioned that we will need a truck and 2-3 strong individuals to help transport the hole to the elementary school. Kathy Illa mentioned that we could possibly get the S.A.D.D. kids to help transport it and set it up, she will check with Evan on this. She also asked Micki if she would be willing to store the hole again after the event. Micki said that she would be willing to unless anyone else had ideas for storage. Please let me know if you have any thoughts for storage or if you would be available to help with transportation, setup or clean-up.

### **S.A.D.D. Movie Night Event ~ This event is now tentatively rescheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>:**

The S.A.D.D. group at Cannon Falls High School is preparing for a movie night in January for the middle school students. Per Evan, the event is planned for Saturday, January 15th from 6:00-9:00pm. Evan mentioned that it would be great to have CHI representatives present to help chaperon the event alongside the S.A.D.D members. If you or anyone else is interested please let myself or Evan Carpenter know.

### **S.A.D.D. Sadie Hawkins Dance ~ February 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11:43:**

The S.A.D.D. group at Cannon Falls High School is preparing for a Sadie Hawkins dance on February 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are available and interested in chaperoning, please let me know.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

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**Next meeting will be on February 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.  
@ First English Lutheran Church**