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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013, 6:00 P.M.
CAMPBELL TOWN HALL
2219 BAINBRIDGE STREET, LA CROSSE, WI 54603**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.
- 2) **ROLL CALL & VERIFY PUBLIC NOTICE:** Present: Supervisor David Wilder, Supervisor David La Fond, Chairman Scott Johnson, Supervisor Pat Post, and Supervisor Jeffrey Schroeder.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted on the public bulletin boards.

- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion to receive public comment made by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. **Motion carried 5-0**

Scott Neumeister spoke on behalf of River Rats and discussed what the idea and plan was to be for the proposed event. Mr. Neumeister stated that all of the proceeds would be donated back to the Town of Campbell. Mr. Neumeister stated that they would have a five man security team as with other events they have put on at their La Crosse establishments. Mr. Neumeister stated that the event would start at approximately 5:00pm and end at around 11:00pm.

Chairman Johnson asked Mr. Neumeister if his intention for the event was to extend the current beer garden of River Rats to outside the current boundaries. Mr. Neumeister replied that they would enclose the portion of the property to the south currently used for parking with orange fence and a tent with one entrance that would be monitored.

Bea Foellmi, 1315 LaCrescent Street, spoke against the proposed event. Ms. Foellmi suggested that the event be held at a park or some other outdoor venue. Patrick Ferry, music promoter for River Rats, commented to Bea Foellmi that this event would be a much better event than what has been held at the property in the past.

Chairman Johnson asked Police Chief Tim Kelemen for his thoughts. Chief Kelemen stated that the Town would have adequate coverage with a second and third shift along with the Onalaska Police reserves as well as the Towns Police reserves. Chief Kelemen recommends that the street be closed off for safety purposes with access to the homes by the residents only. River Rats stated that they would pay for any overtime from the

Police Department above and beyond the donations to the Town from the event. Supervisor Wilder asked Cindy Gerke why the Town was being informed of the event on short notice. Mr. Neumeister stated that the bands contacted Patrick Ferry within the last week and that this was a last minute idea. Mr. Neumeister stated that any future events would be organized in advance. Mr. Neumeister stated to the Board that they are open to all suggestions to make the event a successful one.

Chairman Johnson stated that the Town's only responsibility is to allow River Rats to extend their beer garden permit to allow consumption of alcohol outside the allowable limits. Chairman Johnson feels that the Board should give River Rats a chance and see how it goes. Chief Kelemen requests that there be Porta-Potties outside of the event gates as well if the Board approves the event. Mr. Neumeister stated that they also have a team for clean-up of the event grounds and surrounding neighborhood.

4) REASON FOR MEETING:

- A.** Approval to temporarily block off portions of La Crescent Place to allow for the "Noche Loco" music festival to be held at River Rats on July 6, 2013 and to temporarily extent French Slough Properties, LLC's liquor license to allow for outdoor serving outside of the permitted beer garden area.

Motion to allow River Rats a one time trial basic to hold the "Noche Loco" music festival made by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Chairman Johnson. **Motion failed 2-3**

Chairman Johnson asked for a show of hands. Supervisor Wilder, Supervisor La Fond, Supervisor Post voted against; Supervisor Schroeder and Chairman Johnson voted in favor.

5) ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. **Motion carried 5-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Chadwick Hawkins
Clerk/Treasurer