

**City of Stevens Point
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Chambers
County-City Building
1516 Church St.

March 16, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Gary Wescott, presiding

Roll Call: Ald. Doxtator, Walther, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Patton, R. Stroik, Phillips, Moore.

Also

Present: City Clerk Moe, Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick; Directors Schatschneider, Schrader, Ostrowski, Fire Chief Finn, Police Chief Ruder, Assistant Police Chiefs Zenner and Skibba, Kelley Pazdernik, Mayoral Assistant, Nate Enwald, Portage County Gazette; Brandi Makuski, City Times, Sari Lesk, Stevens Point Journal.

2. Salute to the Flag and Mayor's opening remarks.

Mayor Wescott reminded the City Council members regarding the Business Council's training for local elected officials. He encouraged participation.

Mayor Wescott congratulated UW-Stevens Point and UW-Madison's men's basketball teams as they advanced to the Final Four.

Mayor Wescott acknowledged first quarter retirees: Steve Lewis, Streets; Scott Ironside and Tim Davy, the Police Department with 60 years of experience between the both of them. He said in April Brent Curless, with 41 years in the Inspection Department, will also be retiring.

3. *Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council on specific agenda items other than a "Public Hearing" must register their request at this time. Those who wish to address the Common Council during a "Public Hearing" are not required to identify themselves until the "Public Hearing" is declared open by the Mayor.

There were no public hearings on the agenda.

4. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar, Whiting, asked the City Council and the Mayor to follow Robert's Rules of Order and not to become immersed in leading discussions.

Mildred Nebel, 1709 Jefferson Street, requested the City Council to not approve the actions and minutes until they are approved by the respective committee.

Mary McComb, 2100 Elk Street, stated she recently attended the Historic Preservation Design Review Commission meeting and feels the Commission failed in its duties to approve the best facade option.

Bob Fisch, 1033 Smith Street, representing Poky Pedaling of Stevens Point, urged the Council to support safety for bicyclists and pedestrians with making the City of Stevens Point more bike friendly and less fossil fuel dependent.

Sal Cuomo, 2141 California, candidate running for the 7th District Aldermanic seat reviewed his personal, professional and volunteer accomplishments and asked for everyone's support and vote.

5. 2014 Stevens Point Police Department Annual Report.

Police Chief Ruder reviewed the 2014 Stevens Point Police Department Annual Report. He said there are four areas which included the Community Proactive Campaign, Community Action Programs, Interdependent Programs and Major Initiatives. Chief Ruder touched on each of the major topics and cited projects such as Guns and Hoses, Never Forgotten Honor Flight, Citizen Recognition Program, prescription drop-off box, the addition of a Computer Forensic officer and hiring of three new officers and the development of the Municipal Court as well as the hiring of three new officers.

Chief Ruder stated effective April 10, 2015, he would retire. He expressed his thanks and gratitude to everyone who supported him through his years with the Stevens Point Police Department.

Mayor Wescott said Chief Ruder has served the City of Stevens Point well, with honor and has been an exceptional public servant.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consideration and possible action of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of February 16, 2015.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the action and minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of February 16, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

7. Minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of March 2, 2015.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar, Whiting, asked that the UW-Stevens Point parking plans be postponed until after the EIS has been approved and the new Mayor and Council are in office.

Mildred Nebel, 1709 Jefferson Street, stated there were too many parking spaces unaccounted for.

Garrett Ryan, 1708 Clark Street, Old Main Neighborhood Association, said he supports the UW-Stevens Point building plans. He suggested the City receive guarantees in writing from the University concerning parking lot changes and feels Lot Y should be open before Lot X is closed.

Carl Rasmussen, 1848 Maria Drive, representing UW-Stevens Point, stated this is a \$75 million Project. This is the first large project in 44 years and would generate over \$200 million in economic stimulus. He stated the new science building is compatible with all areas of the City. Mr. Rasmussen stated the University is participating in a transportation study with the City of Stevens Point.

Ald. Wiza asked what assurances can be given regarding parking concerns in the future.

Mr. Rasmussen stated a possibility would be to eliminate freshman parking, but this could reduce student recruitment in the future.

Mayor Wescott stated the City, UW-Stevens Point and Saint Michael's Hospital have embarked on the parking study which is due in late summer, early fall.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked if an EIS was required, why wasn't it completed before going to the Plan Commission for approval.

Attorney Beveridge stated an EIS is not required for a project of this size.

Mr. Rasmussen stated the University contracted with an independent third party, Central Wisconsin Engineers, public hearings were held and they were posted and published.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of March 2, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, R. Stroik, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski,
M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Walther, Doxtator.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

8. 2014 Community Development Department Annual Report.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. O'Meara seconded, to approve the 2014 Community Development Department Annual Report.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

*** 9. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of March 9, 2015 and the actions taken at the Special Public Protection Committee meeting of March 16, 2015.**

Clerk Moe reported that they Public Protection Committee approved a request for road closure from the Stevens Point YMCA for the Dualathon.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of March 9, 2015 and the actions of the Special Public Protection Committee meeting of March 16, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

10. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of March 9, 2015.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of The Board of Public Works meeting of March 9, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Walther, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Patton, R. Stroik, Phillips, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

11. Ordinance Amendment – Creation of an Airport Commission (Section 3.53 of the RMC).

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment on the creation of an Airport Commission.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, R. Stroik, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Walther, Doxtator.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

12. Ordinance Amendment – Amending the airport regulations to reflect the creation of an Airport Commission (Section 8.16 of the RMC).

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment amending the airport regulations to reflect the creation of an Airport Commission.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Walther, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Patton, R. Stroik, Phillips, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

13. Ordinance Amendment – Amending the No Parking Ordinance on Jefferson Street and Pinecrest Avenue (Section 9.05(j) of the RMC).

Ald. Wiza requested Director Schatschneider provide clarification on this amendment.

Director Schatschneider provided a map of the area in question. He stated that Worzalla Publishing was not happy but understood that safety is a concern. He stated Worzalla wanted to know if the City would consider putting in a street light (not a signal) on the north side of Texas once the parking was eliminated.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded to amend the ordinance to eliminate parking on the north side of Jefferson St. between Texas and Pinecrest.

Ald. Trzebiatowski stated he could not support the motion.

Ald. Walther stated he would like to see businesses contacted in the future regarding street/parking changes.

Mayor Wescott stated that since there has been a substantial change to the ordinance amendment, Attorney Beveridge's recommendation was to approve the ordinance as it is presented and then to handle the remainder of this in the month of April.

Ald. O'Meara and Ald. Slowinski withdrew their motion and second.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded to approve the ordinance amendment amending the No Parking Ordinance on Jefferson Street and Pinecrest Avenue and bring any revisions forward to the April Board of Public Works meeting.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, R. Stroik, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Walther, Doxtator.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

14. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of March 9, 2015.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of March 9, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Walther, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Patton, R. Stroik, Phillips, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

15. Second Amendment to the Sublease and Developer's Agreement with Great Lakes Educational Loan Services, Inc.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the second amendment to the Sublease and Developer's Agreement with Great Lakes Educational Loan Services, Inc.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, R. Stroik, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Walther, Doxtator.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

16. Settlement Agreement with 104 2nd St. LLC related to the acquisition of a portion of the property located at 104 Second Street North, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Ald. Walther **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the settlement agreement with 104 2nd St., LLC related to the acquisition of a portion of the property located at 104 Second Street North, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Walther, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Trzebiatowski, Patton, Phillips, Moore.
Nays: Ald. Slowinski, R. Stroik. Motion adopted.

17. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of March 9, 2015 and the actions taken at the Special Personnel Committee meeting of March 16, 2015.

Attorney Beveridge provided the City Council with the actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of March 16, 2015. There was a motion to enter into closed session. After deliberation in closed session, the Committee entered into open session where a motion was made to deny the grievance and carried.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. O'Meara seconded, to separate the March 9th minutes from the actions of the March 16th meeting.

Ald. Slowinski stated he would need to abstain from items #1 and #2 from the March 9, 2015 Personnel Committee minutes.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, to pull items #1 and #2 from the Personnel Committee meeting of March 9, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve items #1 and #2 of the March 9, 2015 Personnel Committee meeting.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Abstain Slowinski. Motion adopted.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Patton seconded, to approve the remainder of the March 9, 2015 Personnel Committee minutes and actions.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the actions the Special Personnel Meeting of March 16, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Walther.
Nays: Ald. R. Stroik, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Doxtator.
Motion adopted.

Ald. Wiza said the reason why he opposed the decision was due to the fact that the contract language does not define a work week and is not clear regarding this.

Ald. Wiza stated the contract language does not define a work week and there is fogginess regarding this. He stated there were several requests for vacation that were denied because of a staff shortage.

18. Ordinance Amendment – Appointment and Retention of Department Heads (Sections 3.08 and 3.35(2) of the RMC).

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, stated she supports this amendment as it would be in the best interest of the City. However, she pointed out there could be concerns if the appointed Department Head's opinion did not compliment the ideas of the elected officials.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked what would occur should a Department Head's opinion be contrary to the goals of the Common Council or the Mayor.

Mayor Wescott replied that the Department Heads are professionals who would not 'go rogue' and there are sufficient safeguards in place to prevent this from occurring.

Ald. Moore stated he has wanted to see this goal accomplished and that it will assist in the future recruitment of additional professionals.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for appointment and retention of Department Heads.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Walther, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Patton, R. Stroik, Phillips, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

19. Minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of March 9, 2015.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of March 9, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, R. Stroik, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Walther, Doxtator.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

20. Minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of February 3, 2015.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of February 3, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

21. Minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of February 26, 2015.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of February 26, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

22. Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Walther seconded, to accept the Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**23. Mayoral Appointments:
Supplemental Poll Workers**

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the Mayor Appointments for Supplemental Poll Workers.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

24. Adjourn into closed session (approximately 8:30 P.M.) pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes

