

**City of Stevens Point
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Council Chambers
County-City Building
1516 Church St**

**May 18, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Mike Wiza, Presiding

Roll Call: Ald. Mrozek, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.

Excused: Ald. Doxtator, Ryan.

Vacant: District 4.

Also

Present: City Clerk Moe; City Attorney Beveridge; C/T Ladick; Fire Chief Finn; Interim Police Chief Skibba; Police and Fire Commissioner Schleih; Directors Lemke, Ostrowski, Schatschneider, Schrader; Human Resource Manager Jakusz; Mayor Assistant Kelley Pazdernik; Sari Lesk, Stevens Point Journal; Nate Enwald, Portage County Gazette; Brandi Makuski, City Times; Barb Jacob; Jerry Moore; Jeff Bahling.

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

Mayor Wiza thanked everyone for attending. He stated 30 days into his term as Mayor, a new community suggestion box has been implemented. Mayor Wiza stated he would forego any comments at this time.

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.

4. Presentation by Kent Hall – Bird City Wisconsin.

This item was postponed until the June Common Council meeting.

5. Presentation by Chief Finn to James Phillip for meritorious service.

Fire Chief Finn awarded James Phillips a plaque for his meritorious service for his quick thinking and action which saved seven lives and property on the day of April 20, 2015 at approximately 3:15 a.m.

6. Presentation by Senior Poppy Princess Alexandra Raczek.

Alex Raczek, a sophomore at SPASH, provided the City Council with the history

of the Poppy, a symbol of remembrance and hope. She recited the memorable war poem, "In Flander's Fields", written by John McCrae.

Mayor Wiza proclaimed May 23, 2015 as American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day. He urged all residents of Stevens Point to participate in honoring our war dead while aiding the living veterans by wearing the flowers of Flander's Fields.

7. Presentation by Tori Jennings on downtown bicycle parking and parklets.

Ms. Jennings, Revisioning Point, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining bike friendly options for bike parking, parklets, public spaces and "street scapes." She stated user friend bike hitches cost approximately \$162.00/per hitch and 10 hitches would cost approximately \$1,880.

Ms. Jennings also suggested an art bike rack design competition, with eventual implementation and installation of the winning design along City streets.

Ald. Kneebone asked if this would be similar to a pay per use bike kiosk.

Ms. Jennings replied it would be similar to Bike Share and is a very good idea. She added this could connect the northern City limits with the Green Circle Trail and the downtown which would promote small businesses.

8. Election of Fourth District Alderperson.

Mayor Wiza announced there are two candidates running for District 4 Alderperson, Heidi Oberstadt and Bryan Worzella. He stated a third candidate, Samuel Levin, withdrew his candidacy.

Mayor Wiza opened the floor to anyone who wished to run for District 4 Alderperson. No one came forward. Mayor Wiza called upon the candidates to provide a brief personal and profession history.

Mr. Worzella, 717 Washington Avenue, a resident for the past 11 years and a resident of the Stevens Point-Plover area since 1977. He stated he is a newcomer to this process as a potential elected official. Mr. Worzella stated he has been married for the past 21 years and together they have three sons ages 19, 17 and 13 and also care for a 7 year old goddaughter.

Heidi Oberstadt stated it would be an honor to serve the City of Stevens Point and she hopes to be able to diversify the Council by representing and providing the "20-something" perspective. She states she is a business owner and a photographer, which has allowed her to network with other business owners and artists in the area.

Ald. Slowinski asked what each candidate had for a vision to move Stevens Point forward.

Ms. Oberstadt stated she would like to see the City of Stevens Point become more modern and friendly, to be able to retain recent UWSP graduates and keep the City safe and healthy.

Mr. Worzella stated he would like to see the downtown revitalized and added a new parking structure or additional parking options that could assist with downtown revitalization.

Ald. Kneebone asked what community groups each candidate was involved with.

Mr. Worzella stated he has worked for the past several years for Saint Paul's Lutheran Church providing Thanksgiving basket drives. He added that he was also a Whiting Volunteer Firefighter and assists with his sons' baseball activities.

Ms. Oberstadt stated she has an extensive volunteer resume and has been active in the Arts Alliance and has donated her photography time and talent to various organizations such as the Humane Society and Veterans' groups.

Ald. McComb asked what each thought of the proposed renovation on the Highway 51 project.

Ms. Oberstadt stated she did not have enough facts to provide an opinion.

Mr. Worzella agreed with Ms. Oberstadt and added that there would need to be a balance between the positive and negative impacts.

Each candidate provided closing statements to the City Council. Ballots were distributed to the Alderpersons. Mayor Wiza stated the candidate with 6 or more votes would be the winner.

The results were: Oberstadt - 7
Worzella - 1

Heidi Oberstadt was sworn in as the new Alderperson for District 4 and took her seat on the Council.

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

No one wished to speak.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

- 10. Minutes of the regular Common Council meeting of April 20, 2015, the Reorganization meeting of April 21, 2015 and the special Common Council meeting of May 11, 2015.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the regular Common Council meeting of April 20, 2015, the Reorganization meeting of April 21, 2015 and the special Common Council meeting of May 11, 2015.

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

11. Ordinance Amendment – Setting commencement date for the terms of the members of the Airport Commission (Section 3.53(3) of the RMC).

City Attorney Beveridge stated the modifications are minor, as it simply adds a commencement date to the ordinance.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the commencement date for terms of the members of the Airport Commission.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Patton, Kneebone, Slowinski, Van Stippen, Oberstadt, Mrozek.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

12. Minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of May 4, 2015.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of May 4, 2015.

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

13. Resolution – Conditional Use – Request to install additional communication equipment to the existing wireless communication tower, constructing a small building to house equipment, and to replace the generator at 2442 Sims Avenue/1000 Minnesota Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-33-2001-05).

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the conditional use request to install additional communication equipment to the existing wireless communication tower, constructing a small building to house equipment and to replace the generator at 2442 Sims Avenue/1000 Minnesota Avenue.

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

14. Public Hearing – Repeal and replace Section 23.08 B (Floodplain Ordinance) of the RMC to adopt a new Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources model and include a letter of map revision, Case Number 14-05-4844.

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

As no one wished to speak, Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing closed.

15. Ordinance Amendment on the above.

Ald. Mrozek asked what is involved in this process.

Dir. Ostrowski stated this requires the ordinance to be published in the Newspaper, obtaining a certified copy from the Register of Deeds and providing the certified copy to the Department of Natural Resources for certification and final approval.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded to approve to repeal and replace Section 23.08 B to adopt a new Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources model and include a letter of map revision.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Mrozek, Oberstadt, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

16. Resolution Introduction – Vacating a Public Street – Prais Street pedestrian mall between Fremont Street and Illinois Avenue.

Dir. Ostrowski stated Ministry Medical Group is looking to add onto the north side of the hospital into the parking lot area. The Prais Street pedestrian mall would also need to be vacated. He added this is the first step in the process and there is a 40 day waiting period before this comes before the Council again in July.

Mayor Wiza stated this is not an action item, the resolution is just being introduced.

Ald. Kneebone asked if there would be a quid pro quo in return.

Mayor Wiza replied no, the City does not have an interest in the area.

This resolution was introduced and no action was required.

17. Transfer up to \$100,000 back from the general fund to the soil remediation fund for site investigation and remediation related activities on the former Lullabye Furniture property, 1017 Third Street.

C/T Ladick explained unused money earmarked for soil remediation on the property is being transferred from the General Fund back into the Soil Remediation Fund because of an adjacent contamination area when the soil was previously untested soil.

Ald. Mrozek asked about the timeframe of the project.

Dir. Ostrowski stated it would be the end of summer.

Mayor Wiza clarified stating that originally unused monies were transferred out of the Soil Remediation Fund into the General Fund and due to further investigative testing, additional contamination was found which now necessitates transferring money from the General Fund back into the Soil Remediation Fund.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Van Stippen seconded, to approve the transfer of up to \$100,000 from the General Fund into the Soil Remediation Fund for site investigation and remediation activities on the former Lullabye Furniture property.

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

18. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of May 11, 2015 and the minutes of the special Public Protection Committee of March 16, 2015.

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of May 11, 2015 and the special Public Protection Committee of March 16, 2015.

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

19. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of May 11, 2015.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of May 11, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Patton, Kneebone, Slowinski, Van Stippen, Oberstadt, Mrozek.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

20. Ordinance Amendment – Parking restrictions on the north side of Clark Street between Second Street and Third Street (Sections 9.05(o),(d),(j),(e) of the RMC).

Mayor Wiza stated this was cleaning up the parking restrictions and adding parking on the above noted streets.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment on parking restrictions on the north side of Clark Street between Second Street and Third Street.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Mrozek, Oberstadt, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

21. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of May 11, 2015 and the minutes of the special Personnel Committee of March 16, 2015.

President of the Police and Fire Commission, Dave Schleih, 1026 Smith Street, stated he was available to answer questions or concerns.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee of May 11, 2015 and the minutes of the special Personnel Committee meeting of March 16, 2015.

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

22. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of May 11, 2015.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to postpone agenda item #4 for the June Council meeting and approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of May 11, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Patton, Kneebone, Slowinski, Van Stippen, Oberstadt, Mrozek.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

23. Minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of May 11, 2015.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the minutes and Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commission meeting of May 11, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Mrozek, Oberstadt, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

24. Minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of April 9, 2015 and the special Police and Fire Commission meeting of April 28, 2015.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of April 9, 2015 and the special Police and Fire Commission meeting of April 28, 2015.

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

25. Minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of May 5, 2015.

Jeff Bahling, President of the Park Commission, 3225 Yosemite Drive, was available to answer any questions.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and

actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of May 5, 2015.

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

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

C/T Ladick provided an overview of the report. He said the numbers to keep in mind are the departmental budget tracking and YTD target percentage.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to accept and place on file the Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

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

27. Mayoral Appointments:

Board of Appeals

Meleesa Johnson, 1703 Division Street

Tammy Wagner, 3340 Whiting Avenue

Municipal Court Oversight Committee

Ald. Shaun Morrow, 2509 Falcons Cove

Board of Review

Jerry Moore, 317 Division Street N

Lincoln Center/ADRC Maintenance Negotiating Group appointment

Andrew Logan Beveridge – City Attorney

Corey Ladick – City Comptroller/Treasurer

Mike Wiza – Mayor

Mike Phillips – Alderperson

Mary McComb – Alderperson

Ald. Slowinski thanked the Mayor for this background information on the appointees.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the Mayoral appointments.

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

28. Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) (deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session) for the purposes of:

Negotiating the purchase of the property located at 1201 W. River Drive.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to adjourn into closed session at 8:12 p.m.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Patton, Kneebone, Slowinski, Van Stippen, Oberstadt, Mrozek.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

29. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.