

**City of Stevens Point  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Chambers  
County-City Building  
1516 Church St

September 21, 2015  
7:00 P.M.

**Mayor Mike Wiza Presiding**

**ROLL CALL:** Ald. Doxtator, Mrozek, Ryan, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, Phillips  
Morrow.

**EXCUSED:** Ald. Oberstadt, Patton, McComb.

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** City Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, City Clerk Moe; Assistant Fire Chief  
Gemza, Interim Police Chief Skibba; Directors Laidlaw, Lemke, Schrader,  
Schatschneider, Ostrowski; City Assessor Shepro; Human Resource Manager  
Jakuz; Nate Enwald, Portage County Gazette; Brandi Makuski, City Times;  
LarryLee, WSAU.

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

Mayor Wiza reminded everyone school is in session, fall is on the way and to be respectful of fellow citizens.

**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.**

Mayor Wiza stated anyone who wished to register to speak, should do so at this time.

**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 Street, asked why Mary Meyer and Jim Hamilton were allowed to speak at the September 9, 2015 meeting to discuss Edgewater when it was a discussion only meeting.

David Knaapen, 3197 Dans Drive, introduced himself as a candidate for Judge. He stated he has 30 years of prosecuting and defending experience and is currently serving as President of Justice Works which involves alternative sentencing. Mr. Knaapen is running to fill Judge Finn's seat.

Cathy Dugan, 612 Sommers Street, stated she wanted to remind everyone of the various plans that will impact the City of Stevens Point. She cited the Comprehensive Plan, the Redevelopment Authority discussion concerning the Housing Trust Fund

revenue, the Vehicle and Parking Analysis study to name a few and how all of these proposals will require careful thought, deliberation and follow through.

**5. Presentation on the Vehicle and Bicycle Parking Analysis.**

Greg Finstad with Short, Elliot, Henderson presented an overview of the Vehicle and Bicycle Parking Analysis with near, mid and long-term recommendations for the City. He stated the recommendations included strategies involving UW Stevens Point and the downtown district which would enhance future vehicle and bicycle parking management programs such as kiosk meters, enforcement of parking ordinances, bike racks and permit parking in designated areas.

Ald. Doxtator asked for clarification on the multi-space meters.

Mr. Finstad stated multi-space meters are a kiosk which can handle 10 to 12 street spaces and approximately 50 lot spaces and are very efficient. He added there is software attached to these meters which is very user friendly to enforcement staff with monitoring the use and availability of the meters and also provides a printout audit trail with cash or credit card use.

Mayor Wiza stated an example of kiosk parking can be found south of Fire Station 1 which UW Stevens Point implemented.

Ald. Morrow asked how parking is enforced with the kiosks.

Mr. Finstad stated the computer program provides data on expired meters which would allow enforcement staff to go directly to those expired meters and issue tickets.

Ald. Ryan asked if there was a way to add more time to the meter using a smart phone application.

Mr. Finstad replied yet.

Mayor Wiza stated it costs a lot of money to provide parking.

**Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:**

**6. Minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of August 17, and the Special Common Council meeting of September 9, 2015.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of August 17, 2015 and the Special Common Council meeting of September 9, 2015.

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

**7. Minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of September 8, 2015.**

Ryan Petro, 2901A Fifth Avenue, Apartment A, stated he is in favor of the bike friendly analysis. He stated designated bike lanes assist with safety, promote sustainability and positively impact the environment with less carbon emissions.

Bob Fisch, 1033 Smith Street, discussed the benefits of biking and walking. He urged the City Council to confirm the recommendation of the Plan Commission and adopt the Portage County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as an official planning document for the City of Stevens Point.

Robert Abrahamian, 201 Minnesota Avenue, Apt. 10, stated he is a student at UW Stevens Point and feels it is crucial for the City to have better bike and pedestrian traffic lanes. He added he hoped the City Council will adopt the bicycle and pedestrian plan for the City.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington, on behalf of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, thanked the City, County and various citizen volunteers who helped contribute to the development of the Committee. He stated the plan was thorough, realistic, necessary and urged the City Council to adopt the plan.

Cathy Dugan, 612 Sommers, stated the mission of the Bicycle-Pedestrian task force was to meet the needs of the present without compromising the future. She reviewed the Land Use and Development goals and stated many of these have already been started and accomplished.

Ald. Morzek **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of September 8, 2015.

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

**8. Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – 3296 Church Street – to operate an indoor archery range.**

Gary Hintz, 3296 Church Street, the applicant is available for questions from Alderpersons.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – 3296 Church Street – to operate an indoor archery range.

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

**9. Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – 648 Walker Street – to utilize the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District setback standards to construct a new attached garage.**

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the Resolution - Conditional Use Permit at 648 Walker Street to utilize the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District setback standards to construct a new attached garage.

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

**10. Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – 1200 Crosby Avenue – to perform environmental cleanup activities including dredging in the Wisconsin River and at Pfiffner Pioneer Park.**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – 1200 Crosby Avenue – to perform environmental cleanup activities including dredging in the Wisconsin River and at Pfiffner Pioneer Park.

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

**11. Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – 5225 Joerns Drive – to construct a wireless communication tower.**

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the resolution – conditional use permit at 5225 Joerns Drive to construct a wireless communication tower.

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

**12. Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – 3500 Prais Street and partially on 3241 Prais Street – to construct parking within and outside the right-of-way on Prais Street, south of Washington School.**

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the Resolution – Conditional Use Permit at 3500 Prais Street and partially on 3241 Prais Street to construct parking within and outside of the right-of-way on Prais Street, south of Washington School.

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

**13. Resolution – Conditional Use Permit Amendment – 1201 Northpoint Drive – to install exterior heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment.**

Don Keck, 2130 Wisconsin Avenue, applicant, stated the Plan Commission decided the best option was to construct a masonry fence. He stated a cost comparison between a masonry fence and a cement board fence was completed and the difference was \$40,000 for the masonry fence and as low as \$15,000 for the cement board fence. Mr. Keck asked the City Council to allow the Stevens Point Area School District to use the cement board for the fence.

Dir. Ostrowski stated the recommendation by the Plan Commission was for a masonry fence which would be consistent with the façade of the other part of the building.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the Conditional Use Permit Amendment for 1201 Northpoint Drive to install exterior heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment, as recommended by the Plan Commission.

Ald. Kneebone asked if this project was for the masonry wall.

Mayor Wiza replied that is correct.

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

**14. Ordinance Amendment – Official Street Map of the City of Stevens Point to add Skyward Drive; a variable width private street from its intersection with E.M. Copps Drive to approximately 500 feet north thereof.**

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment for the official street map of the City of Stevens Point to add Skyward Drive; a variable width private street from its intersection with E.M. Copps Drive to approximately 500 feet north thereof.

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

**15. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of September 14, 2015 and the minutes of the Special Public Protection Committee of August 17, 2015.**

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Van Stippen seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of September 14, 2015 and the minutes of the Special Public Protection Committee of August 17, 2015.

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

**16. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of September 14, 2015.**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of September 14, 2015.

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

**17. Ordinance Amendment – Amend traffic restrictions on sections of Prais Street and Ellis Street (Sections 9.05(d),(g),(j), 9.06(a) and 16.09 of the RMC).**

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment to amend traffic restrictions on sections of Prais Street and Ellis Street.

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

**18. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of September 14, and the actions taken at the Special Finance Committee meeting of September 21, 2015.**

Clerk Moe provided a brief summary of the actions of the Special Finance Committee meeting of September 21, 2015 which included the transfer of \$100,000 from the general fund to the soil remediation fund for the purpose of soil remediation at the site of the former Lullaby site. The motion was adopted.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of September 14, and the actions taken at the Special Finance Committee meeting of September 21, 2015.

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

**19. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of September 14, 2015.**

Mayor Wiza stated that item #1 would be pulled at the request of the Police and Fire Commission President and postponed until next month.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, stated she wanted to discuss item #4, the pay increase for the part-time seasonal positions. She stated this action will hurt the employee in the long-run with Social Security retirement benefits as well as the overall Social Security Program. Ms. Jacob stated some employees have not seen an increase in eight years.

C/T Ladick stated disability eligibility would be available through Supplemental Security Income for those individuals who do not have enough work history credit through Social Security disability. He stated other municipalities who use this program include Green Bay, Manitowoc, DePere, Kaukauna, Kenosha and others.

Ald. Morrow asked if Social Security benefits are based on years or hours.

C/T Ladick stated the Social Security Administration averages the highest paid 35 years; additional years of work are not averaged into the formula.

Ald. Kneebone stated she was not in favor of this program as it would hurt the employee in the long-run when it comes to retirement benefits.

Ald. Ryan **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, with the exception of 2.6, to approve the minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of September 14, 2015.

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

**20. Amendment to City Administrative Policy 3.01 – Standard Benefits Incorporating the FICA Alternative Plan.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the Amendment to the City Administrative Policy 3.01.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, Slowinski, Van Stippen, Ryan, Mrozek, Doxtator.  
Nays: Ald. Kneebone. Motion adopted.

**21. Side letter with IAFF Local 484 relating to annual performance evaluations.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the side letter with IAFF Local 484 relating to annual performance evaluations.

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

**22. Minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of September 14, 2015.**

Ald. Doxtator asked what was occurring at 1917 Cypress Street.

Director Lemke stated a counter offer has been received, but the information has not been discussed with the Commissioners yet. He added the site would make future building plans more useful.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of water and Sewerage Commission meeting of September 14, 2015.

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

**23. Minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of September 2, 2015.**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of September 2, 2015.

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

**24. Minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of August 4, 2015 and the Special Police and Fire Commission meeting of August 18, 2015.**

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of August 4, 2015 and the Special Police and Fire Commission meeting of August 18, 2015.

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

**25. Minutes and actions of the Airport Commissioners meeting of September 14, 2015.**

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Airport Commissioners meeting of September 14, 2015.

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

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

Ald. Doxtator referred to the September 9, 2015 Special Common Council meeting on Edgewater, and wanted clarification if no Housing Trust Fund loans were given out in the past four years.

Mayor Wiza stated the Housing Trust Fund loans are not reflected in the monthly Financial Report.

Dir. Ostrowski stated a few loans were made during this time frame. He stated an average loan is approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000. He stated the interest accumulated on the HTF ranges from \$60,000 to \$90,000, depending on interest rates, and about 3 to 4 projects per year can be accomplished. He stated matching funds can sometimes be acquired which adds to the number of projects that can be completed.

Ald. Ryan **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve 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:  
Smongeski Health Fund**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the Mayoral Appointments for the Smongeski Health Fund.

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

**28. Enter into closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) (the 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 discussion of resolving an encroachment upon City property within Bukolt Park.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to adjourn into closed session at 8:31 p.m.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Mrozek, Ryan, Van Stippen, Slowinski,  
Kneebone, Phillips, Morrow.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**29. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.