

**City of Stevens Point
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**January 18, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Mike Phillips, President, Presiding

ROLL CALL: Ald. Doxtator, Mrozek, Ryan, Oberstadt, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Morrow.

VACANT: District #5

OTHERS

PRESENT: C/T Ladick, City Attorney Beveridge, City Clerk Moe; Directors J. Lemke, Ostrowski, Schatschneider, Schrader; Fire Chief Finn; Police Chief Skibba; Assessor Shepro; Administrative Assistant Pazdernik; Nate Enwald, Portage County Gazette; Brandi Makuski, City Times.

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

President Phillips stated he had no opening remarks and that he would let City Attorney Beveridge review the meeting process when the Mayor is not presiding.

City Attorney Beveridge stated the President of the Council fills in when the Mayor is absent. He stated the President is subject to the same rules as the Mayor and votes only in the event of a tie.

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.

President Phillips reminded those interested in speaking to register at this time.

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

Bob Shannon, 5540 Oakwood Avenue, provided background on his personal and professional experience, stating he is seeking election to Branch II Circuit Judge. He added he is proud to serve the citizens of Portage County.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

5. Resolution – Designating May 7, 2016 as International Migratory Bird Day.

Kent Hall, 200 Pine Bluff Road, stated this is the sixth year that the City has applied for the Bird City Wisconsin designation and he asked the Alderpersons to support this resolution.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the resolution designating May 7, 2016 as International Migratory Bird Day.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, McComb, Patton, Kneebone,
Slowinski, Oberstadt, Ryan, Mrozek, Doxtator.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

6. Minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of December 21, 2015 and the Special Common Council minutes of January 11, 2016.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of December 21, 2015 and the Special Common Council meeting of January 11, 2016.

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

7. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of January 11, 2016.

Robert Steinke, 5763 Shady Drive, thanked the Personnel Committee for voting to adopt language against gender discrimination.

Patricia Gates, 1111 7th Street, read a letter from Reverend Jane Johnson of the Episcopal Intercession Church. She stated the commonality everyone shares regardless of gender is humanity to one another and encouraged the adoption of the anti-discrimination language in the Personnel Policy.

Bobbie Joy Amann, 1111 7th Street, encouraged the end of gender based discrimination with the adoption of the new language in the Personnel Policy and quoted Dr. Martin Luther King.

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of January 11, 2016.

8. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of January 11, 2016.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of January 11, 2016.

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

9. Ordinance Amendment – Authorize the City Clerk to Use Shifts for Election Officials (Poll Workers) (Section 3.40(3) of the RMC).

Ald. Kneebone asked if this would be a conflict of interest for her, as she is a pollworker.

City Attorney Beveridge replied no.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment to authorize the City Clerk to use shifts for election officials.

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

10. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of January 11, 2016.

William Maher, 1100 Brawley Street, asked if the addition of the right turn lane on Coye, removing the Hoover Street access from Maher Water, would alter his property to a nonconforming structure and ultimately affect his property value.

Bonnie Maher, 1100 Brawley Street, asked if the plan was to provide a grand entrance to the City Industrial Park at the cost of Maher Water.

Ald. Patton asked Director Schatschneider to address this and asked if the turn lane could be added at a later time.

Dir. Schatschneider stated no, it would not be an option.

Ald. Patton stated there still seems to be a question if the property would be non-conforming after the turn lane was added.

Dir. Schatschneider stated he would review and measure the property.

President Phillips asked for a five minute recess beginning at 7:45.

President Phillips called the meeting to order from the recess at 7:54 p.m. He suggested this be tabled to allow more time for Directors Ostrowski and Schatschneider to review the plans.

Ald. Slowinski stated he is a truck driver and the turn lane needs to go in. He added this is a difficult property and intersection to negotiate for trucks.

Ald. Ryan stated he agrees with the plan and the turn lane.

Ald. Ryan pointed out a correction to item #5 in the minutes.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to table this item until a final determination can be made with regard to the potential nonconforming status to the Maher Water property.

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

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to pull this item from the table.

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

Dir. Schatschneider restated the question, as, 'will the new turn lane in the new right of way, make the Maher property nonconforming.' He said the proposed right of way is 31 feet from the face of the building.

Dir. Ostrowski stated that regarding setback requirements for M-1, they would need 30 feet to be compliant and will meet zoning standards.

Ald. Slowinski said the property that the City would use for the turn lane would not create a nonconforming property for Maher's Water.

Dir. Ostrowski stated that was correct.

Dir. Schatschneider stated the creation of a nonconforming property does not override the benefit of the project.

Ald. Ryan stated the correction to item #5 should read discussion/update regarding design progress for Sixth Avenue instead of what is currently documented.

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works with the noted adjusted language to item #5.

Ald. Patton thanked everyone for the clarification.

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

11. Ordinance Amendment – Amending sections of Ellis Street for Speed Limit, One Way and Stop Signs (Section 9.02(b)2, 9.04(a) and 9.06(a) of the RMC).

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, stated she disagrees with Sentry Insurance's request for angle parking and asked that alderpersons explain their position on all items for discussion and a vote.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment to sections of Ellis Street for speed limit, one way and stop signs.

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

12. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of January 11, 2016 and the minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting of December 21, 2015.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of January 11, 2016 and the minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting of December 21, 2015.

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

13. Resolution – Authorization to apply for the Wisconsin DOT Transportation Alternatives Program Grant.

Ald. Slowinski stated he supports this plan and trusts staff to navigate the grant process.

Ald. McComb stated this would allow the Bike-Ped plan to move forward.

Ald. Oberstadt stated this was a great program.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the resolution to apply for the Wisconsin DOT Transportation Alternatives Program Grant.

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

14. Minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of January 6, 2016.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of January 6, 2016.

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

15. Minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of December 1, 2015 and the Special Police and Fire Commission meeting of December 7, 2015.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of December 1, 2015 and the Special Police and Fire Commission meeting of December 7, 2015.

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

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

Ald. Doxtator asked C/T Ladick for a financial overview of the City.

C/T Ladick stated the preliminary numbers for 2015 looked quite positive, which in part has been due to the mild winter and the lower gas prices.

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the statutory monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer and place it on file.

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

17. Access Agreement with the Fletcher Committee for scouting purposes.

City Attorney Beveridge stated this access agreement will create and formalize the construction record of well #11 and allow access to land that is contiguous to the BSA land which would be used for scouting purposes. He added the property is northeast of the airport.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the access agreement with the Fletcher Committee for scouting purposes.

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

**18. Mayoral Appointments:
Board of Park Commissioners
Housing Authority
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Supplemental Election Officials**

Maud LaMarche, 733 Pulaski Place, stated she bikes or walks everywhere and looks forward to civic involvement.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the Mayoral appointments.

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

19. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.