

**City of Stevens Point
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**March 21, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Mike Wiza, Presiding

ROLL CALL: Ald. Doxtator, Mrozek, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Phillips.

EXCUSED: Ald. Slowinski, Morrow.

OTHERS

PRESENT: City Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, City Clerk Moe; Directors J. Lemke, Ostrowski, Schatschneider, Schrader; H.R. Manager Jakusz; Assessor Shepro; Nate Enwald, P.C. Gazette; Brandi Makuski, City Times; Sari Lesk, Stevens Point Journal.

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

Mayor Wiza congratulated the SPASH Panthers as State Basketball Champions. He also Congratulated Tom Schrader and Todd Ernst on their hard work for the award from the Arbor Day Foundation for the City of Stevens Point named Tree City U.S.A.

Mayor Wiza also stated all Common Council and Committee packets will be sent electronically. Paper copies can be made if requested and placed in the new Aldermanic mailboxes for pick up. He added the City will save hundreds of dollars on postage.

Mayor Wiza added that Barb Jacob, has had health issues and everyone's thoughts and prayers are extended to Barb for a speedy recover.

- 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.**

The Mayor reminded citizens 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.**

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, stated the Lullaby property should be sold for what the City has expended in costs. He also asked that new construction in older neighborhoods incorporate existing building designs and the City shouldn't squeeze new construction into parcels that aren't made for housing.

Trish Baker, 509 Linwood Avenue, stated she is running for Circuit Court Judge. She said she has over 20 years experience as an attorney as well as the Clerk of Courts for Portage County and is very well qualified for Circuit Court Judge.

City Clerk Moe reminded everyone of the election on April 5, 2016. Absentee voting at the City Clerk's office started March 21, 2016 and will end April 1, 2016.

Mayor Wiza asked if it was possible to pre-register.

Clerk Moe stated citizens can register now and vote at the City Clerk's Office or register and vote the day of the election. Registration will need to include proof of residency and voting will require photo I.D.

5. Presentation by Sara Brish, Convention and Visitor's Bureau, on Tourism and Events.

Sara Brish, Executive Director of the Stevens Point Visitors and Convention Bureau, stated there are four market areas targeted to encourage events and tourism for the City of Stevens Point and Portage County. She stated these areas include 1) leisure; 2) meetings and conventions; 3) sports travel and 4) motor coach group travel.

Ms. Brish stated 2015 was a banner year which resulted in a 28% increase in room tax collection.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of February 15, 2016.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Regular Common Council meeting of February 15, 2016.

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

7. Minutes and actions of the City Plan Commission meeting of March 7, 2016.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of March 7, 2016.

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

8. Resolution – Conditional Use – construct two, two-bedroom apartment units at 1035 Main Street.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the resolution for conditional use to construct two, two bedroom apartment units at 1035 Main Street.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Phillips, McComb, Patton, Kneebone, Johnson, Oberstadt, Ryan, Mrozek, Doxtator.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

9. Lease/license City land located directly south of 1035 Main Street to James E. and Patricia A. Laabs to be used to construct a second entrance stairwell for second floor apartment uses at 1035 Main Street.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the lease/license City land to construct a second entrance stairwell for second floor apartment uses at 1035 Main Street.

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

10. Resolution – Conditional Use – construct a restroom facility at Piffner Pioneer Park, addressed as 1200 Crosby Avenue.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the construction of a restroom facility at Piffner Pioneer Park.

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

11. Ordinance Amendment – Traffic – tag, regulate, and remove abandoned bicycles (Ch. 9.12(v) of the RMC).

Ald. Doxtator asked how long bicycles are kept in impoundment.

Police Chief Skibba replied it is 60 days and every attempt is made to contact the owner or potential owner of an abandoned bicycle.

Ald. Ryan **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment on abandoned bicycles.

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

12. Ordinance Amendment – Historic Preservation/Design Review Commission – Design Guidelines to regulate paint and landscaping (3.11, 7.2 and 7.4 of the Design Guidelines).

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment – Historic Preservation/Design Review Commission – Design Guidelines to regulate paint and landscaping (3.11, 7.2 and 7.4 of the Design Guidelines).

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

13. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of March 14, 2016.

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of March 14, 2016.

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

14. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of March 14, 2016.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of March 14, 2016.

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

15. Initial Resolution – Authorizing the Sale and Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds; and Certain Related Details.

C/T Ladick stated this was the initial resolution and the intent is to refinance.

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

16. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of March 14, 2016.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded to approve the minutes and actions of the personnel Committee meeting of March 14, 2016 and pull item #1 for further discussion.

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

Discussion of item #1: Ald. Kneebone stated she was concerned about the language used which would allow a supervisor or Department Head to deny an employee's request for consideration of reclassification or a pay grade change.

Ald. Oberstadt and Patton agreed.

Ald. Johnson asked if there was an appeal process for rejection by the Department Head.

H.R. Manager Jakusz explained the process and language used. She asked if this should be postponed to allow time to reword the policy.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to postpone item #1 until the April Personnel Committee meeting.

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

17. Ratification of the 2015-2017 AFSCME Local 309 Tentative Agreement.

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Patton seconded, to approve the ratification of the 2015-17 AFSCME Local 309 Tentative Agreement.

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

18. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of March 14, 2016.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of March 14, 2016.

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

19. Design amendment for the Hoover Road Grade Separation Project.

Ald. Ryan **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the design amendment for the Hoover Road Grade Separation Project.

Ald. Doxtator asked if the railroad would be paying for the design changes that were requested.

Dir. Schatschneider stated the plans were acceptable to all parties involved and the City is still negotiating with Canadian National concerning recovery of some of the costs.

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

20. Right-of-Way Plat – Coye Drive and Hoover Road Intersection Improvement Project.

Ald. Ryan **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the right-of-way plat – Coye Drive and Hoover Road Intersection Improvement Project.

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

21. Relocation Order – Coye Drive and Hoover Road Intersection Improvement Project.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the relocation order – Coye Drive and Hoover Road Intersection Improvement Project.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Mrozek, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Phillips.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

22. Service Agreement with MSA-Professional Services for Real Estate Acquisition Services pertaining to the Coye Drive Intersection Improvement Project.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the service agreement with MSA-Professional Services for Real Estate Acquisition Services pertaining to the Coye Drive Intersection Improvement Project.

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

23. Minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of March 14, 2016.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of March 14, 2016.

Ald. Doxtator asked if Dir. Lemke could explain the wastewater filtering system.

Dir. Lemke explained the process for harvesting nutrients out of digested sludge. He stated the goal is to keep as many of the nutrients out of the water. Dir. Lemke said the process is to precipitate the final sludge product into a dirt type product similar to Miracle Grow.

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

24. Minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of February 4, 2016.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of February 4, 2016.

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

25. Minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of March 2, 2016.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of March 2, 106.

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

26. Minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of February 18, 2016.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of February 18, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

27. Minutes and actions of the Airport Commissioners meeting of March 14, 2016.

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Patton seconded to approve the minutes and actions of the Airport Commissioners meeting of March 14, 2016.

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

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

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt 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.

29. Replacement of emergency generator at Edgewater Manor, 1450 Water Street, without going through the public bidding requirements, due to emergency needs.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the replacement of the emergency generator at Edgewater Manor without going through the public bidding requirements due to emergency situation.

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

30. Enter into closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g) (conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved) for discussion of resolving an encroachment upon City property within Bukolt Park.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to adjourn into closed session at 8:21 p.m.

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

31. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.