

# CITY OF STEVENS POINT

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2016  
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mayor Mike Wiza, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) Corey Ladick and Tricia Church;

**Alderspersons:** Garrett Ryan(3<sup>rd</sup>), Heidi Oberstadt(4<sup>th</sup>), Jeremy Slowinski(6<sup>th</sup>), Mary Kneebone(7<sup>th</sup>) and Mary McComb(9<sup>th</sup>).

**EXCUSED:** Director of Public Works Scott Schatschneider

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

**DIRECTORS:** Tom Schrader – Parks and Recreation, Michael Ostrowski – Inspection and Development and Joel Lemke – Public Utilities and Transportation.

**OTHER CITY STAFF MEMBERS:** City Attorney Andrew Beveridge, City Clerk John Moe, Fire Chief Bob Finn, Police Chief Marin Skibba and Deputy C/T Carrie Freeberg.

**ALDERPERSONS:** George Doxtator(1<sup>st</sup>), David Shorr(2<sup>nd</sup>), Meleesa Johnson(5<sup>th</sup>), Cathy Dugan(8<sup>th</sup>), Mike Phillips(10<sup>th</sup>) and Shaun Morrow(11<sup>th</sup>).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nate Enwald – Portage County Gazette and Carl Rasmussen – UWSP Facilities.

**Mayor Mike Wiza called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. The meeting was held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at the Lincoln Center located at 1519 Water Street in Stevens Point.**

### **1. Consideration and possible action to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.**

Mayor Wiza pointed out that the Coye Drive intersection is now reopened with the paving completed and seeding that was done today.

Mayor Wiza also wanted to recognize and commend Scott Swenson who just retired from the Streets Department after serving 31 years.

*Aldersperson Slowinski moved to accept the Director's Report and place it on file; seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.*

*Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.*

### **2. Consideration and possible action to accept the Revocable Occupancy License Fees.**

Mayor Wiza explained that last month we went over the licenses and now this month we are looking at the fee structure associated with them. The estimated request from Director Schatschneider is a onetime \$500.00 fee.

Aldersperson Kneebone questioned the requested onetime fee and asked if we could bill out the cost of the staff time on an individual basis. She feels that it would be more equal if folks were only billed for the time it took city staff to complete their license.

Mayor Wiza replied that it would be difficult due to all the departments that are involved and it would require more city staff time to complete the process.

Attorney Beveridge stated that he would not like the idea of working with a stop watch.

C/T Ladick agreed and added that he feels it would be easier to let folks know how much it will cost up front versus telling them we don't know what it will cost until we are done with the process.

*Aldersperson McComb feels this is a great idea; therefore, moved to accept \$500.00 for the Revocable Occupancy License Fees; seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.*

*Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.*

### **3. Introduction regarding requests for the installation of cell phone towers in city right-of-way.**

Mayor Wiza explained that the City has been approached by a company that has "utility status" to put up cell phone towers within our right-of-ways. He pointed out that these towers are a little different than the cell phone towers we are used to seeing. He added that a representative from this company, Mobilitie, will be present at the meeting in December.

Attorney Beveridge further explained that this company has a certain status under the State Statute, which puts them under the Public Utilities Commission through the State of Wisconsin. What this means is that our ability to say no is somewhat constrained; however, in meeting with the representative of the company, it sounds like they are fairly flexible in terms of locations.

Aldersperson McComb asked if we would be receiving rent from this company for the use of our right-of-way. Attorney Beveridge said no due to them being in the same sort of footing as a public service such as power lines, phone lines and cable television lines.

Aldersperson McComb asked if these towers would interfere with any other frequencies. Mayor Wiza said they would have to go through the FCC if that were an issue.

Carl Rasmussen representing UWSP stated that he attended a meeting representing the Universities interest. He believes that the selected areas they are coming forward with were based on an engineering location or areas that would serve the greatest demand. He feels they came forward with this in the wrong way but believes they are willing to listen to our concerns in terms of locations.

Mayor Wiza stated that some of the locations could have been better served had they approached us earlier and asked what the City and Universities thoughts were in terms of locations.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mike Wiza adjourned the November 14, 2016 Board of Public Works Meeting at 7:10 p.m.**

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