

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers  
County-City Building

June 20, 2011  
7:00 P.M.

### Mayor Andrew J. Halverson, presiding

Roll Call: Present: Ald. Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore  
Also Present: City Attorney Molepske, Clerk Moe, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, Directors Schrader, Halverson, Lemke, Ostrowski, McGinty; Assistant Chief Kudronowicz, Interim Fire Chief Kujawa, Assessor Siebers, Personnel Manager Jakusz, Assistant to the Mayor Pazdernik, Kari Yenter, Matt Brown (Portage County Gazette), B. C. Kowalski (Stevens Point Journal)

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

Mayor Halverson stated the City of Stevens Point received an excellence award for the city's web-site. The Mayor congratulated John Quirk and presented him with a Mayoral Commendation for his excellent work.

John Quirk noted the web-site was a group effort.

### 3. Consideration and possible action of the minutes of the Common Council meeting on May 16, and the Special Council meetings of May 31 and June 13, 2011.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the minutes and place them on file.

Roll Call: Ayes all.  
Nays none. Motion carried.

### 4. \*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.

Bruce Woboril, 710 Fourth Street, Plover, WI 54467:  
Item #5 – Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar W, Whiting, WI:  
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Item #6 – Plan Commission meeting of June 6, 2011

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:  
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Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:  
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Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:  
Item #19 – Ordinance amendment to residency requirement for fire chief  
Item #33 – Redistricting Committee of May 31, 2011

Ald. Trzebiatowski, 7<sup>th</sup> District:  
Item #5 - Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council

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

Ald. Trzebiatowski voiced his concerns on the truck traffic on Water Street. He also stated he received a call from one of his constituents opposing the fee for the Farmer's Market.

Bruce Woboril, 710 Fourth Street, asked how someone goes about submitting input on the Farmer's Market.

Mayor Halverson stated a letter was sent to the vendors for their input on the layout and fees for the Farmer's Market. He noted that public input was not asked for but is always welcomed.

**6. Consideration and possible action of the minutes of the Plan Commission meeting of June 6, 2011.**

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, approval of the minutes and actions of the Plan Commission with item #2 pulled for further discussion.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, asked the Council to reconsider landscaping for the parking lot on Clark Street and Water Street.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar W, said conditions should be placed on developments so the property owners will have to complete all the conditions or decide not to do the project.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, voiced her concerns on the landscaping for the parking lot at the corner of Clark Street and Water Street.

Roll Call: Ayes all.  
Nays none. Motion carried.

Ald. R. Stroik agrees there should be landscaping because this lot is located at the gateway to the city.

Director Ostrowski said he recommended removal of the landscaping requirement because the conditional use standards do not require landscaping if the lot is not reconstructed over 50%.

City Attorney Molepske said it is not required.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if the antique store is a permitted use for this lot.

Director Ostrowski replied yes.

Mayor Halverson said the real question is whether the benefit that Mr. Erbach received from the apartments enough for the City to levy additional conditions to ensure we get something out of granting the apartments.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if more conditions can be set than required.

City Attorney Molepske said the standards are met.

Mayor Halverson noted the number of parking spaces exceeds the number of required spaces for the apartments.

Ald. R. Stroik said this is the City's opportunity to beautify this corner. He asked if the City can add the condition that landscaping be required.

Director Ostrowski said there is not a standard to require landscaping.

City Attorney Molepske does not have the ordinance in front of him and he does not know what the language is.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, Ald. Suomi seconded, to postpone this item until next month.

Roll Call: Ayes all.  
Nays none. Motion carried.

**7. Public Hearing – Conditional Use – 1408 Wisconsin Street - for the purpose of constructing a porch using the “R-TND” Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District minimum setback requirements.**

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, said she is not in favor of this request.

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

**8. Consideration and possible action of Resolution on the above.**

Ald. Beveridge said adding a porch will add privacy for the property owners.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, to adopt the resolution.

Ald. Moore said the Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District was designed for these types of uses and to encourage the property owners to improve their homes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

**9. Public Hearing – Conditional Use – 233 Division Street (Papa Joe's Bar) - Premise extension to an exterior seating area.**

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

**10. Consideration and possible action of Resolution on the above.**

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to adopt the resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

**11. Public Hearing - Zoning - Add an "Inn" as a conditional use in the "R-4" Multiple Family I Residence District.**

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar W, suggested leaving this ordinance as it is.

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

**12. Consideration and possible action of Ordinance Amendment on the above.**

Ald. Beveridge moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to affirm the ordinance amendment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

**13. Public Hearing – rezone the property located at 1416 Main Street from "R-5" Multiple Family II Residence District to "B-2" Central Business Transition District (CBD Transition) or "B-3" Central Business District (CBD).**

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

**14. Consideration and possible action of Ordinance Amendment on the above.**

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. O'Meara seconded, to adopt the ordinance amendment.

Ald. O'Meara asked if the neighbors were notified.

Director Ostrowski replied all neighbors with 200 feet were notified.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

**15. Public Hearing – Conditional Use – 1416 Main Street - for the purpose of operating an Inn.**

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar W, suggested adding a sunset clause to this conditional use request.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, questioned how the property will be used during the remodeling process.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, suggested requiring landscaping with this development.

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

#### **16. Consideration and possible action of Resolution on the above.**

Ald. R. Stroik asked what recourse is available if the Inn is not working out.

Mayor Halverson said the property has been rezoned for an Inn and all the conditions stated in the conditional use permit must be met.

Director Ostrowski said the conditional use would run with the property unless the owner stopped using it for a period of one year. He said if the property is not meeting the standards within the conditional use then it could be brought back to the Plan Commission for review.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Molski seconded, to adopt the resolution.

Ald. Moore reviewed the definition of Inn and conditions set for this request.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **17. Consideration and possible action of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of June 13, 2011.**

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, approval.

Roll Call: Ayes all.  
Nays none. Ald. Beveridge abstained. Motion carried.

**18. Consideration and possible action on the minutes taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of June 13, 2011.**

Ald. Molski **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval.

Roll Call: Ayes all.  
Nays none. Motion carried.

**19. Ordinance Amendment – Change of Residency Requirement for Fire Chief (Section 3.37 of the RMC).**

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, opposes allowing the Fire Chief to live outside the city limits.

Ald. O'Meara said commitment to the city and response times are the real reasons for continuing to require the Fire Chief to reside in the city.

Ald. R. Stroik said it is more about the bigger picture to allow the Chief to live in the area covered by the metro district. He said it would show support for the district.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Beveridge seconded, approval to change the residency requirement for Fire Chief.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Beveridge, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.  
Nays: Ald. Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski.  
Ayes – 4. Nays – 7. Motion failed.

**20. Consideration and possible action on the actions taken at the Special Personnel Committee meeting of June 20, 2011.**

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval.

Roll Call: Ayes all.  
Nays none. Motion carried.

**21. Consideration and possible action of the minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of June 13, 2011.**

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, the minutes are placed on file and actions affirmed of the Finance Committee.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

**22. Consideration and possible action of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of June 13, 2011.**

Ald. Suomi **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, the minutes are placed on file and the actions affirmed of the Board of Public Works.

Ald. Wiza said if the farmers are going to be charged a fee then so should anyone else having an event on the square.

Mayor Halverson noted that the City is not charging Valley Bank in any way. He said this information was misrepresented in the Stevens Point Journal.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said the Farmer's Market is an asset and they should not be charged a fee.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

**23. Consideration and possible action of Resolution transferring access control of Business Hwy 51 from Maria Drive to North of North Point Drive from WisDOT to the City of Stevens Point.**

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. O'Meara seconded, to adopt the resolution.

Ald. O'Meara suggested that the Board of Public Works set procedures on how they are going to consider requests to break access. He said this is a valuable asset.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

**24. Public Hearing - Replacement of non-standard sanitary sewer laterals and or non-standard water services for all property fronting upon both sides of Franklin Street from its intersection with Second Street to its intersection with Union Street and its intersection with Pulaski Street to its intersection with Smith Street.**

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

**25. Consideration and possible action of the Final Resolution on the above.**

Ald. Molski **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to adopt the final resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

**26. Consideration and possible action of Ordinance Amendment – Traffic – Recodification of Speed Limits (Section 9.02 of the RMC).**

Mayor Halverson asked if there were any objections to having one motion for agenda items 26, 27, 28, and 29. There were no objections.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, to adopt the ordinance amendments for items 26, 27, 28, 29.

Ald. Wiza said it is a good idea to reduce the speed limit on the Square.

Ald. Trzebiatowski suggested better signage on the Square.

Ald. Moore said the bike path on Michigan Avenue is an important asset to the City.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

**27. Consideration and possible action of Ordinance Amendment – Traffic - create No Parking on Business Park Drive, Vern Holmes Drive, John Joanis Drive, Clem's Way, Carrie Frost Drive, Venture Drive and E. M. Copps Drive in the Portage County Business Park for bicycle ways (Sections 9.05(g), 9.12(q) of the RMC).**

Action on this agenda item was taken with agenda item #26.

**28. Consideration and possible action of Ordinance Amendment – Traffic - create a Bicycle Way on Michigan Avenue North in the 600 to 800 blocks from a point 900-feet north of North Point Drive to a point 1,800-feet north of North Point Drive to create a bicycle lane (section 9.12(q) of the RMC).**

Action on this agenda item was taken with agenda item #26.

- 29. Consideration and possible action of Ordinance Amendment – Traffic - Create a stop sign for westbound traffic on Main Street at Second Street to create one-way for traffic flow at the Mathius Mitchell Public Square (Second Street and Main Street) and changing the speed limit from 25 mph to 15 mph on Second Street from Clark Street to Crosby Avenue (Sections 9.04(a), 9.06(a) and 9.02(b)(2) of the RMC).**

Action on this agenda item was taken with agenda item #26.

- 30. Consideration and possible action of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of June 13, 2011.**

Ald. Brooks **moved**, Ald. O'Meara seconded, to place the minutes on file and affirm the actions.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

- 31. Consideration and possible action of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of June 1, 2011.**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the actions and minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes all.  
Nays none. Motion carried.

- 32. Consideration and possible action the minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meetings of June 2 and June 7, 2011.**

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval of the minutes and actions.

Roll Call: Ayes all.  
Nays none. Motion carried.

- 33. Consideration and possible action of the minutes and actions taken at the Redistricting Committee meeting of May 31, 2011.**

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, asked if the City will still have 11 alderpersons.

Mayor Halverson said he does not believe it is warranted to reduce the number of alderpersons.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said even if there were only nine alderpersons, there would still be a problem with the boundary lines of the City Aldermanic Districts and Portage County Supervisor Districts.

Ald. Molski **moved**, Ald. O'Meara seconded, to accept the Redistricting report and place it on file.

Roll Call:     Ayes all.  
                  Nays none. Motion carried.

**34. Consideration and possible action of the Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.**

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to accept the report and place it on file.

Roll Call:     Ayes all.  
                  Nays none. Motion carried.

**35. Adjournment.**

Adjournment at 8:22 p.m.