

**City of Stevens Point
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**Council Chambers
County-City Building**

**January 20, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Andrew J. Halverson, presiding

Roll Call: Ald. Doxtator, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Patton, R. Stroik, Philips, Moore

Also Present: City Atty. Beveridge, Clerk Moe, C/T Ladick, Directors Schatschneider, Lemke, Schrader, Ostrowski, Asst. Police Chief Zenner, Chief Kujawa, Human Resources Manager Jakusz, Kelly Pazdernik, Mayoral Assistant, Chris Jones-Stevens Point Journal, Nathanael Enwald-Portage County Gazette, Brandi Makuski-Stevens Point City Times

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

Mayor Halverson observed a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. He announced that NerdWallet, a consumer advocacy website, recently conducted a study to find the best places for job seekers in Wisconsin, and Stevens Point is in the top 10.

3. Consideration and possible action of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of December 16, 2013 and the Special Common Council meeting of January 13, 2014.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. O'Meara seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of December 16, 2013 and the Special Common Council meeting of January 13, 2014.

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.

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

Mildred Neville, 1709 Jefferson Street, said when citizens speak at meetings, their comments reflect on them personally and asked for positive meeting debate.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar West, Whiting, spoke about proper meeting procedure and following Roberts' Rules of Order when conducting public hearings.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin, questioned why the public is barred from discussing costs of items to be approved such as Maria Drive which could be a significant expense for the City. She asked the Council to postpone a vote on Maria Drive until a need for the property has been determined.

6. Proclamation for National Catholic Schools Week.

Mayor Halverson read a Proclamation declaring the week of January 25 through February 2, 2014 National Catholic Schools Week.

7. Resolution -- International Migratory Bird Day.

Dr. Kent Hall, 200 Pine Bluff Road, representing the Aldo Leopold Audubon Society asked the Council for their approval of the resolution recognizing International Migratory Bird Day on May 3, 2014. He said this approval is required for the Bird City Wisconsin application.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Suomi seconded, to approve the resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, R. Stroik, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Doxtator
Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Michigan Avenue Concrete Pavement Award Presentation.

Kevin McMullen, President of the Wisconsin Concrete Pavement Association, presented City staff with the "Gold Award" for the Michigan Avenue repaving project. He said this award means that Michigan Avenue is the top urban concrete pavement project constructed in the nation in 2012.

9. Minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of January 9, 2014.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin, said the first order of business in regard to Maria Drive should be an inspection of the building located at 100 Second Street N. She continued saying more time should be taken in making a decision on the street relocation and a vote can be delayed.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, addressed the Plan Commission's approval of the changes to the Parks & Rec building. She said this building is eligible for placement on the National Register of Historic Places and should not be approved for demolition.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, Ald. Patton seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of January 9, 2014.

Roll Call: Ayes: Majority.
Nays: Minority. Motion carried.

10. Public Hearing – Conditional Use – Stevens Point Area School District for a conditional use permit for the purposes of constructing an educational/community center, Life Skills Center, at the Stevens Point Area High School, 1201 North Point Drive.

Mayor Halverson declared the public hearing open.

Greg Nyen, 1858 Sunset Lake Road and Director of Student Services, stated the Life Skills Center will not be just for disabled students, but also for alternative students, regular mainstream students and the community. He said from an educational stand-point, this is the best practice and encouraged the Council for a supportive vote.

Jim Jasper, Samuels Group, noted that they have adhered to recommendations of the Plan Commission in making sure the facility is appropriate for the site and the student population. He said codes in regard to parking and lighting will be met according to City guidelines and refuse containers will be shielded from the public. Mr. Jasper stated the distance between the entrance of the facility and the entrance of the tavern is in accordance with state statutes.

Andrea Marty, 2802 Rice Street, said the teachers like the new location. They also like that it has a sidewalk from the school to the new building and will meet their needs.

Attila Weninger, School Superintendent, said the District has set aside money for the construction of the Life Skills Center and the location and scaling down of the building will meet the dollars put aside. He reiterated the building will not only be for students, but also for use by the community.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 West Cedar, Whiting, said he believes there are other locations for the Life Skills Center as the primary concern is the residents and the building meeting conditions. Mr. Rocheleau further stated the building is too close to a tavern.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, expressed concern regarding the Little White Inn, its proximity to the new center and how future Councils will view the issue. She stated the plan is not complete and discussed the lack of information being provided in regard to parking, lighting, snow removal and storm sewer.

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

11. Resolution on the above.

Mayor Halverson referenced section 125.68 General Restrictions and Requirements; (3)(b) Restrictions on Location of the state statutes. After reading the statute, he clarified that the Little White Inn pre-exists this establishment and there is no concern relating to the distance of the Life Skills Center from a licensed establishment.

Ald. Wiza said he has enough information and the state statute seems clear that existing establishments should not be affected.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. O'Meara seconded, to approve the resolution.

Ald. Phillips mentioned the east side of the school's property should have been given more thought and he is concerned about how far away the building is from the school in relation to transporting students during inclement weather.

Ald. R. Stroik said he believes this plan meets the needs of the disabled students and it is not the Council's decision as to where to put the building on the property.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked if this property will have the drain capacity to handle what is required.

Director Lemke stated the note on the proposed plan is most likely a lead to a catch basin in the parking lot to the south which could be relocated to accommodate the structure. He also said with the location of the building, they could meet the storm water requirements that will be imposed on the site and it is a non-issue.

Ald. Trzebiatowski further questioned if this is part of a catch basin system, would they be required to make it deeper, line it and follow existing guidelines.

Director Lemke said he does not foresee any existing infrastructure on their site getting in the way of what needs to be accomplished to construct a new building.

Ald. Suomi stated she will vote in favor of this resolution; however, she has a concern with the design of the building. She said she would like the district to consider the city staff's suggestion of having an entrance of accessibility on the north side to facilitate access to public transportation. Ald. Suomi also supports city staff's suggestion regarding the building's design being similar to the current school building.

Ald. Suomi moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to amend the resolution removing the word "if" from the sixth bullet point referencing refuse containers, making it a requirement.

Ald. Moore stated he supports the amendment since there will be food service.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ald. O'Meara said he agrees with Ald. Wiza regarding what is expected from the city's perspective and it is up to the Board of Education to decide if the building will serve the population for which it is intended. He disagrees that the building's design should complement the school and encouraged a residential design as that is the intent of its use.

Ald. Moore said he believes this building fits under the city's planning and zoning codes and for that reason, he supports the resolution.

Ald. Trzebiatowski questioned City Attorney Beveridge regarding the appropriateness of one of the Council members voting since they are an employee of the school district.

City Attorney Beveridge stated if that Council member feels they stand to personally gain from the outcome, they would want to abstain; however, he does not see a problem if they chose to vote.

Ald. Suomi said she had this conversation with the former City Attorney and she feels comfortable with not abstaining from the vote.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Patton, R. Stroik, Moore
Nays: Ald. Phillips. Motion carried.

12. Public Hearing – Public Comment Relating to the Application by the City of Stevens Point for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant Funds to Assess Brownfield Sites throughout Target Areas of the City, Including, But Not Limited To, Near Business 51, Downtown, and Along Canadian National's Main Railway.

Mayor Halverson declared the public hearing open.

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

13. Ground Lease and Property Agreement Amendment between the City of Stevens Point and the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County, Inc. for the property located at 2442 Sims Avenue and 933 Michigan Avenue.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, spoke about the Boys & Girls Club considering preserving the footprint of the Stevens Point Armory Pavilion's proximity in relation to the building and encouraged respecting its historic value.

Ald. Wiza asked for clarification on 4(b) of the Ground Lease Agreement which lists times of the gymnasium use and recommended the wording be cleaned up.

Mayor Halverson said there are only select portions of the agreement that are up for amendment and that is not one of them as the gymnasium use has already been agreed upon.

Ald. Wiza then asked about section 15 of the agreement in which the word "Improvements" is capitalized and wondered if it was a title.

City Attorney Beveridge said the improvements are referred to in paragraph 5 of the agreement. He also said this lease was approved last spring and is in effect as the terms have already been agreed upon. He stated the only modifications are to the

underlined conditions under paragraph 5 and the exchange of the former Exhibit A showing the layout of the premises. City Attorney Beveridge restated the parties are already bound to the terms in sections 4(b) and 15.

Ald. Wiza said he understands but stated since it is being amended, this would be the time to discuss any other changes prior to approving this one.

Ald. R. Stroik said Ms. Dugan brought up some valid points and encouraged the Boys and Girls Club to take it under advisement. He asked if the final plan would need conditional use approval from the Council.

Director Ostrowski said this agreement would give the "go ahead" for the Boys & Girls Club to start a fundraising campaign as a conceptual design. He said the addition to this building and the use as a Boys & Girls Club would still require a condition use permit so it would need to come back to the Plan Commission and Common Council.

Ald. R. Stroik clarified that the Council then is not held to the plan on Exhibit A.

Director Ostrowski said that is correct.

Ald. Suomi questioned if this needs to come before the Historical Preservation Committee.

Director Ostrowski said it would not be under the purview of the Historical Preservation Committee as it is not on a national register.

Ald. O'Meara said from the pictures provided by Ms. Dugan, he does not see any changes in the fascia by the proposed footprint.

Director Ostrowski said he did not think the fascia or the front of the building would be changed with the addition. He said Ms. Dugan's concern is the addition and how it relates to the existing building's use and construction.

Ald. O'Meara said the view of the building will be the same as it was in the 1930s other than the fact that it will not reference the artillery. He continued to say that those parts of the building are being preserved in the plan.

Ald. Phillips said he would like to see separate locker rooms for boys, girls, men and women and asked Director Ostrowski if that was possible.

Director Ostrowski said that would have to be part of the agreement and there would need to be an amendment.

Ald. Moore stated he is uncomfortable with the agreement and encouraged the Boys & Girls Club to start looking at other venues. He said while he is not against it, they are not getting what they originally wanted and this may not be their best option any more.

Mayor Halverson said that decision would have to be made by the Boys & Girls Club.

Ald. Wiza reiterated that now would be the time to amend the agreement.

Mayor Halverson said the appropriate process for any amendment to be pursued with the Boys & Girls Club would be a recommendation made by either him or City Attorney Beveridge. It would be inappropriate to make an amendment to the agreement if those were not already mutually agreed upon.

Ald. Suomi **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the Ground Lease and Property Agreement Amendment between the City of Stevens Point and the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. R. Stroik, Patton, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O’Meara, Suomi, Doxtator

Nays: Ald. Moore, Phillips, Trzebiatowski. Motion carried.

14. Relocation Orders for 100 and 104 Second Street North and Relocation Map for Maria Drive at Second Street North.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar West, Whiting, proposed postponing approving the relocation order until the need to purchase the building at 100 Second Street N has been determined.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, addressed Maria Drive and Walker Street being 150’ of each other, along with the cost of utilities and the issue of safety. She also discussed soil contamination tests of the site, who would be responsible for the testing and barricading this portion of Maria Drive for safety purposes.

Ald. Wiza said this has been an issue in his district for a long time as it is an unsafe intersection and he has received many calls about it. He said the city has the opportunity to fix something that should have been fixed a long time ago.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the relocation orders.

Ald. Moore stated Maria Drive adjoins his aldermanic district and he has also received phone calls and complaints about the intersection. He said perhaps a traffic study could be conducted to see if a four way stop would help make the intersection safer. He also asked if the city’s building inspectors have gone through the Mickey’s property lately and if any assessment on the building has been made.

Director Ostrowski said to his knowledge, they have not gone through the building recently and an independent appraiser would need to determine a value.

Ald. R. Stroik said the city is hindering the ability of the business owner to sell the property as a business and he would like more information as to the value of the property before making a decision.

Mayor Halverson said Mrs. Lodzinski is interested in selling the property and the city is bound by statutory requirements to follow procedure and the relocation orders are a part of it.

Director Schatschneider said there is a misconception about the relocation order. He stated the relocation order is simply a formal notice to the property owner and it does not bind the City. The relocation order is the first step in the process before an appraisal can be done.

Ald. R. Stroik stated anyone interested in buying the business would not do so due to relocation orders being issued on the property.

Director Schatschneider said there is a public misconception that because the City is interested in the property, no one else will buy it and he feels that is not true, nor is it relevant.

Ald. Phillips questioned the fiscal impact this will have on the community.

Director Schatschneider said an estimate can be put together on a purchase price.

Ald. Phillips responded that he would need to know the bottom line.

Director Schatschneider said those numbers would not have anything to do with the relocation order as it does not cost the City a dime.

Ald. O'Meara said Director Schatschneider is completely right in that the relocation order is there to put people on notice and it does not bind the City.

Ald. Suomi asked what happens after the relocation order.

Director Schatschneider said a commercial appraisal company would perform an appraisal on the properties so the City would have an idea on how much it will cost.

Ald. Slowinski said he understands both sides of the argument, but he is still struggling with the issue due to the fact that costs are unknown. He said by approving the relocation orders, the City is announcing its intension.

Ald. Wiza stated if the project is found to be cost prohibitive, it should not be done; however, this is the first step. He further said that Lodzinskis have been supportive of the project.

Director Schatschneider agreed that the Lodzinskis are eager for the process to take place.

Ald. Moore noted that since he has been on the Council, the city has not had an opportunity to straighten out this situation. He said if it is not looked into now, it will be put on hold for many years to come. He encouraged the other Council members to offer their support.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Suomi, O’Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Trzebiatowski, Patton, Phillips, Moore
Nays: Ald. Slowinski, R. Stroik. Motion carried.

15. Public Hearing – Official Street Map Amendment – Widen Maria Drive by approximately 33 Feet. Such Area Starts Approximately at the Intersection with Second Street and Continues West to its Intersection with First Street.

Mayor Halverson declared the public hearing open.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street West, Whiting, discussed the unnecessary spending of money to create the intersection.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, said the issue of safety will be accomplished by barricading this portion of road off to traffic.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, stated if the city amends the street map, it will send a message that we are planning to make a commitment on the project. She encouraged getting more information before amending the street map.

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

16. Ordinance Amendment on the above.

Ald. Wiza declared this is what he wants to do as the people of his district have repeatedly told him they want changes to improve this intersection. He said maybe barricading the street is an alternative; however, he still wants to see an appraisal of the Mickey’s property.

Ald. R. Stroik said Ald. Wiza’s comments are correct and that is why the street map should not be amended until after the appraisal is performed.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to deny the amendment.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked Clerk Moe to define when the ordinance amendment would take effect if it were approved.

Clerk Moe said if it was approved, it would be published on Friday, January 24, 2014 and it would be effective the following day.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked City Attorney Beveridge about liability in respect to the date of publishing if an accident were to take place on the property. City Attorney Beveridge said the City street map and dedicated streets are different things and adding this to the street map does not make it a dedicated street.

Ald. Trzebiatowski clarified that the city would not be liable if it were accepted as an official city street.

City Attorney Beveridge said no, as there are other non-designated roadways on the street map.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked Ald. R. Stroik if he would amend his motion to postpone action until the city owns the property.

Ald. R. Stroik did not respond.

Ald. Phillips questioned why this is being done now.

Mayor Halverson explained that by putting it on the official street map, the city is declaring it as a level of plan initiative.

Director Ostrowski said the street map is a planning document that sets forth the initiative of the city.

Ald. R. Stroik stated the property should be kept on the tax rolls if possible. He said the city is not obligated to connect the school to Second Street N to make it easy because it is a neighborhood school. He continued by saying it seems premature to put it on the street map until costs are known and it makes economic sense for the community.

Ald. Moore stated school safety is not the only issue with this intersection, its functionality is also important. He continued saying Second Street North is a high traffic area and a 3 way stop is not an option because the building is too close to the street leaving no clear vision triangle.

Ald. Slowinski said he would like to see a 3 way intersection in that area and look at the option of barricading off that street.

Ald. Patton stated the relocation order lets the public know exactly what the City's intentions are in the matter and he feels the information has been put on the table.

Ald. O'Meara said the unique location of this land is what makes it valuable.

Ald. Wiza said fixing this intersection needs to be done right and barricading it would be his second choice in the matter. He asked if this ordinance amendment is a required component of the process that is needed to ensure the property owners maintain their rights, or could this be postponed.

Director Ostrowski responded that it is not required as part of the process and it could be postponed to a later date.

Director Schatschneider said as far as the discussion regarding a 3 way stop, it will not work due to the average daily traffic count being 4,000.

Ald. R. Stroik said he is not completely opposed to the project, he just wants more financial data on the matter.

Mayor Halverson said it is possible to obtain estimates for the intersection reconstruction. He further stated the street map is a planning document and it states that the public good and interest is being declared.

Ald. R. Stroik withdrew his motion.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to postpone the agenda item to the February meeting to discuss a more definitive financial cost of the project.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, R. Stroik, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski,
M. Stroik, Wiza, Suomi
Nays: Ald. O'Meara, Doxtator. Motion carried.

17. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of January 13, 2014.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar West, Whiting, spoke about inspecting the property for asbestos and soil contamination before getting an appraisal.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, did not register to speak for item #17; however, without objection Mayor Halverson allowed her to speak. Ms. Laszewski also spoke about performing an inspection of the building before paying for an appraisal.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of January 13, 2014.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if the appraisal will include an inspection that would reveal contamination.

Mayor Halverson said the appraisal is not a property condition report, it is a financial appraisal of the real estate. He said the city would hire someone to perform a property inspection.

Ald. R. Stroik clarified the appraisal is the first step in the process and an inspection of the property would be next.

Mayor Halverson said correct.

Ald. Phillips asked if an environmental inspection will be necessary.

Mayor Halverson said there may be several inspections but he could not quote any costs.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Trzebiatowski,
Patton, R. Stroik, Phillips, Moore
Nays: Ald. Slowinski. Motion carried.

18. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of January 13, 2014.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of January 13, 2014.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said he had a concern with Ald. Wiza's motion at the Public Protection Committee on the Ordinance Amendment – Discharging Firearms/Guns/Archery Arrow/Crossbow Bolt – Bow Hunting within the City Limits (Creation of Section 24.14(6) of the RMC). He said his concern is with the discharging of the arrow/bolt toward the ground because the City deer cullers on the Sentry property are not allowed to use tree stands. Ald. Trzebiatowski stated it is counter-productive to hunting by stating that hunters would have to shoot toward the ground.

Ald. Wiza said the state statute did not cite from an elevated position, it stated discharge should be toward the ground. The ordinance verbiage is the same as in the state statutes.

Ald. Moore called for a point of order to finish the conversation under the agenda item #19.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

19. Ordinance Amendment – Discharging Firearms/Guns/Archery Arrow/Crossbow Bolt – Bow Hunting within the City Limits (Creation of Section 24.14(6) of the RMC).

Ald. Wiza reiterated the logic behind the motion was to be consistent with state statutes as far as discharging arrows.

Ald. Trzebiatowski again stated his concern with the discharge being toward the ground and how it will affect the city's deer cullers.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to remove letter (a) in the ordinance and re-letter (b) to (a).

Ald. R. Stroik requested the opinion of City Attorney Beveridge on the issue. City Attorney Beveridge stated the language reflects what is in the state statutes and it is the limitation the legislature saw fit for a city to enforce.

Ald. Wiza said it is the goal that the City's deer cullers are not in violation of this ordinance. He feels it would be more appropriate to stay consistent with the state statutes and exempt any city authorized discharge.

City Attorney Beveridge suggested to refer to the deer culling program rather than saying city authorized.

Ald. Moore withdrew his motion.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment with the exception that cullers for the deer management program be exempted.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, R. Stroik, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski,
M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Doxtator
Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Ordinance Amendment – Cigarettes and Tobacco Products, Minors – Apply ordinance to “nicotine products,” including electronic cigarettes (Section 24.38 of the RMC).

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Suomi seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski,
Patton, R. Stroik, Phillips, Moore
Nays: Ald. Trzebiatowski. Motion carried.

21. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of January 13, 2014.

Ald. O'Meara moved, Ald. Patton seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of January 13, 2014.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

22. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of January 13, 2014.

Ald. Patton moved, Ald. O'Meara seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of January 13, 2014.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

23. Minutes and actions of the Board of Water & Sewerage Commissioners meeting of January 13, 2014.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Water & Sewerage Commissioners meeting of January 13, 2014.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, R. Stroik, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski,
M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Doxtator
Nays: None. Motion carried.

24. Minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of January 14, 2014.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of January 14, 2014.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

25. Minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of January 2, 2014.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of January 2, 2014.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

27. Communication and Expectations for the City Administration and the Council (Council Discussion Only).

Mayor Halverson said he wanted this opportunity for the Alderpersons to make suggestions and recommendations to the Administration on how communication can be improved.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if the agenda item could be postponed to committee meetings.

Mayor Halverson responded there is not a committee that would deal with the issue but a special meeting of the Common Council at the committee meetings to discuss suggestions can be entertained. He stated he would like to discuss ways to improve communication in general. Mayor Halverson said Council members should weigh in with their thoughts if there are concerns on matters the Alderpersons feel they are not getting, if it is needed in a different form or if it is needed more frequently.

Ald. Wiza applauded Mayor Halverson for including it on the agenda as he feels there are concerns regarding communication, information and time frames. In light of the length of the meeting, he encouraged having a special meeting to deal with the concerns.

Mayor Halverson said that would be fine and it will be put to a special meeting in February.

Ald. Moore requested this be the only topic on the agenda for that special meeting.

Mayor Halverson responded that situational items will predicate what will happen at that meeting.

28. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 9:59 p.m.