

**City of Stevens Point  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Chambers  
County-City Building  
1516 Church St

June 20, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

**Mayor Mike Wiza Presiding**

**ROLL CALL:** Ald. Doxtator, Shorr, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** City Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, City Clerk Moe; Fire Chief Finn; Assistant Police Chief Babl; Directors Ostrowski, Schatschneider, Schrader; H.R. Manager Jakusz. Nate Enwald, Portage County Gazette.

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

Mayor Wiza stated that due to the lengthy agenda and list of speakers, he would forego any comments.

**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.**

Mayor Wiza asked citizens to register to speak at this time.

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

No one wished to speak.

**5. Presentation from SGA President, John Peralta and Vice-President, Andrew Glazner: LED streetlight project and donation.**

John Peralta, SGA President and Andrew Glazner, Vice-President, spoke on the partnership with the City of Stevens Point, UW Stevens Point and Wisconsin Public Service for updating street lights to LED lights. Mr. Peralta stated this would increase both student and citizen safety walking and driving at night.

**Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:**

**6. Minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of May 16, 2016.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Regular Common Council meeting of May 16, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**7. Retention of Attorney Richard Fuller to prosecute a case in Municipal Court for which the City Attorney is a potential witness.**

City Attorney Beveridge explained that he was involved in a car accident in which the Individual fled the scene and was cited for an OWI. He stated there could be possible prosecution and he would not be able to serve as prosecuting attorney as well as a witness in this case. Attorney Beveridge asked that the City retain Attorney Richard Fuller to prosecute this case.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the retention of Attorney Richard Fuller to prosecute a case in Municipal Court for which the City Attorney is a potential witness.

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

**8. Minutes and actions of the City Plan Commission meeting of June 6, 2016.**

Louis Molepski, Sr., 2116 Clark Street, stated he was here to speak on behalf of the Rowe development. He urged the City Council to consider only one lateral placement and no curb and gutter.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the City Plan Commission of June 6, 2016 with the exception of item #10 pulled for further discussion.

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

DISCUSSION OF ITEM #10: Consideration for plat review located in the northwest section of Sunset Blvd. and Green Avenue.

Ald. Kneebone stated she agrees with Mr. Molepski. She stated the requirement for sidewalks, particularly on Green Avenue, would be the sidewalk to nowhere as there is no other sidewalk on Green Avenue. Ald. Kneebone stated this would be an onerous condition to place on this development.

Ald. Johnson stated she was in favor of sidewalks as it is consistent with the Plan Commission recommendations and the Bike-Ped plan. She recommends City Council approve these recommendations.

Ald. Morrow stated he is in favor of the curb and gutter in the beginning phase of development rather than adding it later.

Ald. Dugan stated she was in favor curb and gutter specifically for this project as well as throughout the City. She stated Green Avenue is a dangerous road to walk on.

Ald. Phillips commented that he agreed with Mr. Molepski. He added that sidewalks that start and stop are dangerous to bicyclists and pedestrians. Ald. Phillips suggested a census of the property owners and the majority would be the deciding recommendation.

Ald. Doxtator stated the DOT would require sidewalk with the new round-about near Stanley Street and Green Avenue.

Ald. Kneebone stated this would be the only stretch of sidewalk on Green Avenue and would not connect to another sidewalk.

Ald. Ryan stated the overall development plan for sidewalks, curb and gutter has to begin somewhere and it is up to the City Council to move this forward.

Mayor Wiza stated the motion failed at the Plan Commission level. Currently the staff recommendation is for curb and gutter.

Ald. Slowinski questioned the creation of swales in relation to the curb and gutter.

Dir. Ostrowski stated the curb and gutter would direct the water down to the swales, which would alleviate long-term wear on roads.

Mayor Wiza stated Mr. John White had wishes to speak on this topic. He added permission would be needed from the Alderpersons to allow Mr. White to speak, as the time for public comment had passed. The alderpersons consented to allow Mr. White to address City Council.

John White, 401 Green Avenue, stated he lives across the street from the development property and supports the development. He stated while sidewalks would provide safety to pedestrian and bike traffic, the inconsistency of sidewalk placement would present a danger. He respectfully requested that sidewalks not be included in this development until a complete master plan could be developed.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to accept all 19 conditions on the original staff recommendations that was presented at the Plan Commission meeting for sidewalk, curb and gutter.

Ald. Phillips stated this will never have continuous sidewalk because the Village of Park Ridge and the Town of Hull have property along this stretch of road. He stated he is against requiring sidewalks.

Ald. McComb stated she likes consistency and the Bike-Ped Plan. She added inconsistency is called for in this situation and found Mr. White comments compelling. She thinks sidewalks should not be required yet.

Ald. Kneebone stated 300 feet of sidewalk on a 1 ½ mile stretch of road does not facilitate safety for bicyclists and pedestrians and will be the sidewalk to nowhere.

Ald. Slowinski asked if the Village of Park Ridge and the Town of Hull have come on board with the Portage County Bike-Ped Plan. He said currently he does not support the motion.

Mayor Wiza responded that the Town of Hull has approved the plan.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Dugan, Morrow.  
Nays: Ald. Shorr, Slowinski, Kneebone, McComb, Phillips. Motion Adopted.

**9. Resolution – Conditional Use – 2400 Main Street – Request for a permit to construct a new entrance canopy on the east building façade.**

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the resolution for conditional use at 2400 Main Street – request for a permit to construct a new entrance canopy on the east building façade.

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

**10. Resolution – Conditional Use – 1201 Water Street – Request for permit renewal to operate a micro-winery.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the resolution – conditional use – 1201 Water Street – request for permit renewal to operate a micro-winery.

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

**11. Ordinance Amendment – Zoning – Rezone two unaddressed parcels, totaling approximately 2.2 acres located at the northwest intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Green Avenue (Parcel ID's 2408-27-3004-15 and 2408-27-3004-17) from "RLD" Low Density Residence District to "R-3" Single and Two-Family Residence District.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment – rezone two unaddressed parcels, totaling approximately 2.2 acres located at the northwest intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Green Avenue from "RLD" Low Density Residence to "R-3" single and two-family resident district.

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

**12. Ordinance Amendment – Zoning – Establish greenhouses and nurseries as a conditional use in the B-1 Neighborhood Business District and above districts (Section 23.02(2)(a) of the RMC).**

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment

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

**13. Ordinance Amendment – Zoning – To allow both public and private streets for access to a property (Sections 23.01(13)(a) and 23.01(13)(d) of the RMC).**

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded the ordinance amendment – zoning – to allow both public and private streets for access to a property.

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

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

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of June 13, 2016.

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

**15. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of June 13, 2016.**

Kevin Ruehl, 600 Frederick Street, AFSCME Local 309 President, stated if the concern is wording, change the “bonus” day to an extra vacation day. He suggested changing the vacation payout at retirement from 1/8<sup>th</sup> to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> over the 1040 hours.

C/T Ladick stated the whole concept was to adopt the extra 1/8<sup>th</sup> conversion. He stated the math does not work with the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> conversion. C/T Ladick added that there is a little over \$4 million of sick leave on the books and approximately \$700,000 set aside as payout for that time. He said the challenge was to work within those parameters.

H.R. Manager Jakusz commented that simply changing the wording from ‘bonus day’ to ‘vacation day’ really doesn’t change much. She stated the benefit is more sick time could be cashed in at retirement to pay for post-employment health insurance.

C/T Ladick commented that in today’s market, most municipalities are getting away from this type of benefit. He added trying to keep this benefit affordable, yet enhance what is currently offered is a challenge.

Ald. Shorr stated perhaps this should be delayed for further discussion and employee input.

Mayor Wiza responded that Ald. Phillips was the only individual who came in to discuss this. He stated no one came forth until today.

Ald. Shorr thought a delay would allow for a better consensus.

Ald. Dugan stated to accumulate sick time and be able to convert the time to pay for health insurance post-employment is an extremely valuable benefit. She stated she supports building this trust fund up.

Ald. Slowinski agrees with C/T Ladick. He added the bottom line is that he wants to make sure the employees are treated fairly.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee as well as the recommendations to the Administrative policy concerning sick leave accrual, conversion, bonus sick day and 3.06 relating to floating holiday.

Ald. Phillips agreed with Ald. Shorr. He stated he would like further investigation into eliminating sick time and vacation time and moving to paid time off.

Ald. Johnson stated she was not sure this had been presented to staff and would like to see this postponed. She added in the interest of doing it right rather than fast, there should be further discussion.

Ald. McComb stated she favored delay on this item to allow more input from staff.

Mayor Wiza stated it is frustrating when a period of time lapses and no questions or discussion occurs, but yet additional time is requested for further discussion. He said things can go smoother when questions are answered and discussion occurs in the timeframe stipulated before the meeting.

Ald. Ryan asked for staff comment on PTO.

H.R. Manager Jakusz stated there would be employee concern about how the move to PTO would affect sick leave/vacation conversion. She stated new hires and potential retirees would be affected by delaying decisions.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Ryan, Oberstadt, Slowinski, Kneebone, McComb, Morrow.

Nays: Ald. Shorr, Johnson, Dugan, Phillips. Motion adopted.

**16. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of June 13, 2016 and the minutes taken at the Special Board of Public Works meeting of May 16, 2016.**

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of June 13, 2016 and the minutes of the Special Board of Public Works meeting of May 16, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Oberstadt, Ryan, Shorr, Doxtator.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**17. Ordinance Amendment – Traffic – Creation of 15 minute parking on a section of Maria Drive (Section 9.05(f) of the RMC).**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment – traffic – creation of 15 minute parking on a section of Maria Drive.

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

**\*18. Public Hearing – Special Assessment for replacement of non-standard water services, non-standard sanitary sewer laterals and for installation of storm sewer laterals and replacement of existing non-standard storm sewer laterals on Sixth Avenue from its intersection with Front Street to its intersection with Second Street.**

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

Travis Stomach, 525 Sixth Avenue, asked if he does not have a sump pump, will he be charged for the installation.

Dir. Schatschneider stated he would not be required to purchase a sump pump. He stated the pipe would run from the main pipe in the street to the property owner's lot line. Dir. Schatschneider stated the property owner would hire a contractor to do any necessary basement work and hook into the pipe where it abuts up to the property line.

Mr. Stomach asked if there is no intention of installing a sump pump, does the work still need to be completed.

Dir. Schatschneider stated yes.

Mayor Wiza commented the work being done is to benefit the property not necessarily the existing property owner.

Kathy and Kyle Lepak 625 Sixth Avenue, asked how homeowners afford the assessment.

C/T Ladick explained the billing options as 30 days/cash, 5 year or 10 year payment plan. He stated the five year option interest rate is 2.25% and the 10 year option interest rate would be 4%. C/T Ladick stated the 5 or 10 year option installments would be placed on the tax bill.

Mayor Wiza asked if there was a prepayment penalty.

C/T Ladick replied no.

Tom Brown, 317 Sixth Avenue, stated he has no basement, only a crawl space under his house, which would not allow him to hook up to a storm lateral. He does not feel a storm sewer would benefit his property. Mr. Brown asked consideration be given to exempt properties from the storm water lateral that have no basement or, defer the

assessment to a future time when that property owner would benefit from that assessment. He also questioned the finance options.

C/T Ladick stated there is no prepayment penalty and individuals not selecting any option are automatically assigned to the five year option plan.

Kyle Lepak, 625 Sixth Avenue, stated he does not have a basement either. He questioned when will the property owners know if this will occur.

Mayor Wiza said tonight.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing closed.

**19. Final Resolution – Special Assessment for replacement of non-standard water services, non-standard sanitary sewer laterals and for installation of storm sewer laterals and replacement of existing non-standard storm sewer laterals on Sixth Avenue from its intersection with Front Street to its intersection with Second Street.**

Dir. Schatschneider stated the preliminary resolution was approved at the Board of Public Works Committee meeting and approved at the Common Council meeting on April 18, 2016. He stated Mr. Brown was absolutely correct in stating the area has high groundwater with wet basements and crawl spaces. Dir. Schatschneider stated the correct process and long-term solution for this area is to install all three laterals, especially the storm water lateral. He added it is much more cost effective to install all three laterals to the property line at the time road construction and utility upgrades are made rather than to replace them as needed.

Dir. Schatschneider also stressed consistency with special assessments. He said it becomes a slippery slope when one property is exempt from a special assessment and others are not. Dir. Schatschneider said it opens a Pandora's Box as to what would be the next exemption.

Ald. Morrow stated that this is an opportunity to replace old, possibly hazardous piping and avoid a Flint, Michigan situation.

Ald. Johnson stated that special assessments follow the state statutes.

Ald. Oberstadt stated she herself does not have a basement and is well aware of the unexpected situations that arise with home ownership. She said this is a benefit to properties with high groundwater providing them a place to re-route the water.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the final resolution for special assessment for sewer, water and storm water laterals on Sixth Avenue.

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

**20. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of June 13, 2016.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the minutes and action of the Finance Committee meeting of June 13, 2016 and to pull item #4 for further discussion.

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

DISCUSSION OF ITEM #4: Funding for the Center for Entrepreneurship and Creativity.

Ald. Phillips stated he is against this funding as they have not proven that any project has been accomplished. He added he thinks this is a scam.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to deny the funding for the Center for Entrepreneurship and Creativity.

Ald. Slowinski stated this money has already been committed. He asked if the funding can be denied now.

Mayor Wiza stated he would discourage this action. He stated that the reason this was funded was to allow this project time to get off the ground.

Ald. McComb stated she does have some concerns about the Center because the money was given to them under a different name concerning the renovation of the Fox Theater.

Ald. Johnson stated these projects do not happen overnight. She added Mr. Wright has been onboard with Create Portage County and believes he has the energy, innovation and determination to drive this organization to do great things.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Phillips.  
Nays: Ald. Morrow, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Oberstadt, Ryan, Shorr, Doxtator. Motion failed.

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of June 13, 2016 and the funding of item #4 for the Center of Entrepreneurship and Creativity.

Ald. Slowinski stated he felt once the promise was made to fund, we need to honor that commitment. He added, though, that in the future, the City Council should probably be more careful with allocating funds to organizations and perhaps there needs to be proven accomplishments.

Ald. Dugan stated it might be worthwhile to ask organizations for progress reports periodically.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Shorr, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Morrow.  
Nays: Ald. Phillips. Motion adopted.

21. **Agreement with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. for Comprehensive Plan Update Services.**

Dir. Ostrowski asked the alderpersons to allow staff to adjust for a few minor amendments to the plan update.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the agreement with the amendments recommended by staff for Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. for Comprehensive Plan Update Services.

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

**22. Ordinance Amendment – Officials, Boards, Employees – Creation of Tourism Commission (Section 3.54 of the RMC).**

Mayor Wiza stated this ordinance was created due to state law changes concerning room tax. He also stated there were changes to the original ordinance with the addition of terms and the requirement of being a city resident.

Jeff Presley, 2101 Falcons Cove, stated this would be an opportunity to partner with other municipalities and businesses to drive tourism in the area. He stated it was important to regionalize this commission and be inclusive in order to receive the greatest benefit when it comes to generating room tax dollars.

Mr. Presley suggested to table this item and open discussions with the different municipalities as well as the SPACVB to devise a plan to regionally consolidate tourism dollars.

Mayor Wiza stated the City did meet with the Village and Township of Plover and it was decided collectively to maintain individual tourism commissions. He said the background information on nominees has been included in the packet and ultimately City Council can decide who to appoint to the Commission.

Mayor Wiza added the hotel representative was recommended directly from the SPACVB and is a city resident.

Sara Brish, 340 N. Division Street, stated the City has chosen to create their own Tourism Commission rather than a zone or regional commission. She stated she feels very strongly this is a time for collaboration and to work with neighboring municipalities.

Ms. Brish said tourists do not see boundary lines and collectively we have more to offer.

Ald. Slowinski asked why the decision was to maintain individual autonomy with the formation of the Commission.

Mayor Wiza replied that each municipality has things that get funded with their room tax dollars. He added that the City has been doing this correctly by reinvesting in events that generate additional tourism dollars. Mayor Wiza stated the Village of



Ald. Doxtator was excused from the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

**23. Development Agreement with Service Cold Storage.**

City Attorney Beveridge stated this agreement is to allow Service Cold Storage to expand. He asked that a provision to allow staff to make minor nonmaterial changes and add the due date of September 1, 2016 to the agreement.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the Development Agreement with Service Cold Storage and to allow staff to make small changes in the agreement.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone,  
Slowinski, Johnson, Oberstadt, Ryan, Shorr.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**24. First Amendment to Development Agreement with SkyGroup LLC.**

City Attorney Beveridge stated this amendment provides an extension of the deadline for the City to complete the improvements and substitute the plans that were originally developed.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the first amendment to the Development Agreement with SkyGroup, LLC.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Shorr, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone,  
Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.  
Nays: None.  
Excused: Ald. Doxtator. Motion adopted.

**25. Minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of May 3, 2016.**

Ald. Ryan **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of May 3, 2016.

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

**26. Minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of April 21, 2016.**

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of April 21, 2016.

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

**27. Minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of June 1, 2016.**

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of June 1, 2016.

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

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

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Morrow 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. Mayoral Appointments:**

**Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners, Airport Commission, Historical Preservation/Design Review Commission, Police and Fire Commission, Redevelopment Authority, Plan Commission, Tourism Commission.**

Mayor Wiza reviewed the resumes of the nominees for the Tourism Commission. He added he is still waiting on the UWSP representative.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the mayoral appointments.

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

**30. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.