

**City of Stevens Point
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Chambers
County-City Building
1516 Church St

July 18, 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: C/T Ladick, City Attorney Beveridge, City Clerk Moe; Directors Schrader, Schatschneider, Ostrowski; Police Chief Skibba, Fire Chief Finn;

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

Mayor Wiza stated there has been several tragic news stories lately and he would like a moment of silence to remember the individuals affected by these events.

Mayor Wiza provided everyone with highlights and successes over the past several months that include the Creative Crosswalk, the historic restoration project at 1055 Main, the Orange Barrel Art Tour, Isaac Walton League National Convention and Gus Macker to name a few. He added there is local growth and expansion of area businesses. Mayor Wiza stated there is much to be thankful for. He ended with a challenge to everyone to commit a random act of kindness.

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 stated there are no public hearings on this agenda. He reminded anyone 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.

Ald. Kneebone stated the Suzuki School of Music is providing musical instruction and free concerts at UWSP.

Ald. McComb wished to speak on the 4 to 3 lane conversions and asked that a presentation and discussion opportunity be planned for the alderpersons.

Ald. Morrow expressed his thanks for all those who made Riverfront Rendezvous a wonderful success.

Ald. Johnson stated she would support Ald. McComb's request but ask that it be directed as an engaged discussion with the alderpersons rather than just a presentation.

Clerk Moe reminded people about the upcoming partisan primary election on August 9. He said there is always some confusion regarding this election as it is a partisan primary. The partisan primary helps the various political parties choose their candidates for the general election. When a voter goes into the polls on the August 9, they will have to select a political party and stay within that party. It is different from the November general election where a voter may go between the different parties to vote for particular candidates.

Ald. Morrow asked what seats were on the ballot.

City Clerk Moe stated it would include the U.S. Senate, Congress, State Assembly, State Senate as well as the County offices for County Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

5. Retention of Attorney Sheila Kessler for two matters in which the City Attorney has a conflict of interest.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the retention of Attorney Sheila Kessler for two matters in which the City Attorney has a conflict of interest.

Ald. Slowinski verified the standard rate as \$70.00 per hour.

Attorney Beveridge stated that was correct and added there were no legal fees incurred for a similar request in the past.

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

6. Notice of Circumstances of Claim & Claim for Damages: Michael Patton – windshield damage.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to deny the circumstances of claim and claim for damage to Michael Patton's windshield.

Attorney Beveridge stated there was no evidence to support this claim.

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

7. Minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of June 20, 2016 and the Special Common Council meetings of July 7 and July 11, 2016.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of June 20, 2016 as well as the Special Common Council meetings of July 7, 2016 and July 11, 2016.

Ald. Slowinski noted a corrected on the July 11, 2016 minutes. He was listed in the roll call section as well as the "others present" and should be removed from the "others present" section.

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

8. Minutes and actions of the City Plan Commission meeting of July 5, 2016.

Ald. Dugan **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the City Plan Commission meeting of July 5, 2016 and to pull item #4 for further discussion.

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

Ald. Dugan stated she was concerned about the height and mass of the building. She stated the new drawing appears to be more in concert with her architectural ideas.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve item #4 of the Plan Commission minutes of July 5, 2016.

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

9. Resolution – Conditional Use – Cobblestone Hotels – Permit to construct a hotel on the lot south of Centerpoint Drive, north of Main Street and between Strongs Avenue and Third Street (Parcel ID 2408-32-2029-70).

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the permit to construct a hotel on the lot south of Centerpoint Drive, north of Main Street and between Strongs Avenue and Third Street subject to the aforementioned conditions in the conditional use permit.

Ald. Dugan stated the outside material to be used does not conform to the Historic Design/Review requirements and does not hold up against moisture. She stated she is not pleased with the development of the building plans and would vote against this.

Ald. McComb stated she would vote in favor of this project. She stated she is disappointed if in fact they are not using a local builder, but she is pleased with the development of a downtown hotel.

Ald. Shorr stated it was his understanding that the financing allowed the project to proceed on schedule or the project would be delayed until the financing is completed.

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

10. Resolution – Establishing a utility easement on the lot south of Centerpoint Drive, north of Main Street and between Strongs Avenue and Third Street (Parcel ID 2408-32-2029-70).

Mayor Wiza stated this is not a resolution but an approval for the easement.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the establishment of a utility easement on the lot south of Centerpoint Drive, north of Main Street and between Strongs Avenue and Third Street.

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

11. Resolution – Conditional Use – Aspirus – Permit to construct a hospital addition onto their existing facility at 5409 Vern Holmes Drive (Parcel ID 2308-02-4000-12).

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the resolution for a conditional use permit – Aspirus to construct a hospital addition onto the existing facility at 5409 Vern Holmes Drive.

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

12. Resolution – Conditional Use – The Church of the Intercession – Permit to operate a warming shelter (temporary housing) at 1417 Church Street (Parcel ID 2408-32-1007-05).

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, stated she is sympathetic to the homeless the Salvation Army is unable to accept as well as to the property owners in the area. She stated a conditional use permit must meet all 14 conditions in order to be approved and this project does not meet all of them.

The Reverend Jane Johnson, 1316 Ellis Street, stated everyone regardless of past history, is deserving of compassion, shelter, safety, food and water without exception. She stated the true measure of a community is how we take care of our most vulnerable.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, stated this request is a form of Russian Roulette toying with public safety. He stated sex offenders are not concerned with whom they victimize, and the city should not concern itself with taking care of sex offenders. He urged this permit be denied.

Mayor Wiza stated a conditional use permit can be pulled at any time should violations occur.

Tiffany Krueger, 1311 West River, stated there are not enough homeless shelters and the Salvation Army is full. She stated this is a perfect location as it is next door to the Police Station.

Ald. Morrow explained he manages the State's Probation and Parole office. He explained and reassured everyone that registered sex offenders are housed by the State and have GPS units which are programmed with exclusion zones. He stated an immediate arrest warrant is issued for any individual who violates those boundaries.

Ald. Kneebone stated no one deserves to freeze to death because a lack of available services. She stated she supports this project.

Ald. Ryan asked if Chief Skibba would address the Police Department's involvement with the sponsoring organization.

Chief Skibba stated the department has been working with this group from the very beginning. He added this is a great idea and the department will respond when concerns or problems arise.

Ald. McComb stated she has received no calls from anyone in her district with concerns about the shelter. She added she is 100% behind this project.

Mayor Wiza stated citizens should contact his office, alderpersons or directors with concerns of misinformation or rumors.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the conditional use – Church of the Intercession – permit to operate a warming shelter at 1417 Church Street.

Ald. Dugan stated she is pleased with this development.

Ald. Shorr stated he is impressed with this project and supports it.

Ald. Johnson stated it is important to look into the heart of homelessness.

Ald. Phillips asked how the new law passed in March concerning sex offenders affects this project.

Attorney Beveridge stated this has to do with zoning and did not know how the new law could affect a municipality's zoning regulations. He added that certain individuals with criminal backgrounds may not be eligible to use these facilities as they may be within 1500 feet of a school or daycare center.

Ald. Morrow stated registered sex offenders cannot be within 1500 feet of a school, playground or daycare center. He added a homeless sex offender does wear a GPS bracelet. Arrest warrants are executed for those individuals in violation of the law.

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

13. Resolution – Final plat review for a three lot subdivision, Washington Subdivision, at two unaddressed properties located at the southwest intersection of Regent Street and Saint Paul Street (Parcel ID’s 2408-28-4002-11 and 2408-28-4002-21).

Ald. Dugan **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the final plat review for a three lot subdivision, Washington Subdivision, at two unaddressed properties located at the southwest intersection of Regent Street and Saint Paul Street.

Ald. Phillips asked if it would be possible to wait to complete the sidewalks until after Green Avenue reconstruction is completed.

Mayor Wiza stated this is not the Green Avenue section.

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 Finance Committee meeting of July 11, 2016.

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of July 11, 2016.

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

15. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of July 11, 2016.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of July 11, 2016.

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

16. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of July 11, 2016.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of July 11, 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 – Parking restrictions on sections of Reserve Street and Stanley Street (Section 9.05(g) of the RMC).

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for parking restrictions on sections of Reserve Street and Stanley Street.

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

18. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of July 11, 2016.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of July 11, 2016.

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

19. Minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of June 7, 2016.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of June 7, 2016.

Ald. Kneebone thanked Chief Finn for the great candidates the Fire Department seems to attract.

Mayor Wiza acknowledged the promotion of Sgt. Moss with the Police Department.

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

20. Minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of June 16, 2016.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of June 16, 2016.

Ald. Phillips questioned item #5 concerning the review of a draft agreement.

Attorney Beveridge stated this would combine the operations of the City and County Transit Departments. He stated this would allow for a greater funding pool.

Mayor Wiza stated this will become a "regional" transit commission.

Ald. Phillips asked if the City will have to supplement with increased taxes to support this move.

Mayor Wiza stated no.

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

21. Minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners of July 11, 2016.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners of July 11, 2016.

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

22. Minutes and actions of the Airport Commissioners meeting of July 11, 2016.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Airport Commissioners meeting of July 11, 2016.

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

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

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the statutory monthly Financial Report of the C/T and place it on file.

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

**24. Mayoral Appointments:
Tourism Commission
Supplemental Election Officials (Poll Workers)**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the mayoral appointments to Tourism Commission and Supplemental Election Officials.

Ald. Shorr stated he would abstain as his wife would be a pollworker.

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

***25. To adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) (deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session) on the following:**

a. City space needs and potential lease of the former Mid-State building at 933 Michigan Ave.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to move into closed session at 8:20 p.m.

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

26. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.