

**City of Stevens Point
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Council Chambers
County-City Building
1516 Church Street**

**December 19, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Ald. Doxtator, Shorr, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Attorney Beveridge; C/T Ladick; Clerk Moe; Directors Ostrowski, Schatschneider, Schrader, Lemke; Fire Chief Finn; Police Chief Skibba; Assistant Pazdernik; Nate Enwald Portage County Gazette.

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

Mayor Wiza introduced Justice Short, a student from the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District. He stated Justice is job shadowing in order to learn more about city government.

Mayor Wiza also provided a quick recap of the 2016 year-in-review. He stated 2016 has seen \$54 million in growth, most in new single family housing. Other highlights included expansions at Service Cold Storage, Aspirus, Ministry, Marshfield Clinic additions as well as the Cobblestone Hotel development.

Mayor Wiza stated he looks forward to a successful 2017 and thanked everyone involved in the operation of City Hall.

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 reminded citizens 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 wished to thank the Stevens Point ambulance service for their immediate response to calls. She also acknowledged staffing two EMTs per ambulance is extremely important in the delivery of excellent care.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

5. Minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of November 21, and the special Common Council meeting of November 21, 2016.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the

Regular Common Council meeting of November 21, 2016 and the Special Common Council meeting of November 21, 2016.

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

6. Request from Ministry Health Care to extend an existing temporary parking agreement at 933 Michigan Avenue.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the request from Ministry Health Care to extend an existing temporary parking agreement at 933 Michigan Avenue through October of 2017.

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

7. Minutes and actions of the City Plan Commission meeting of December 5, 2016.

1. Report of the November 7, 2016 meeting.
2. Resolution – Conditional Use– Requesting a permit to operate a car and truck wrecking facility at 801 Francis Street.
3. Request from FORE Development and Investment Group for a conceptual project review to construct a retail development at 5423 US Highway 10, Town of Hull.
4. Request from Point of Beginning, Inc. to remove/modify the 80% natural lot coverage requirement within Parkdale Subdivision, specifically an unaddressed parcel north of US Highway 10 and East of Badger Avenue and 1201 Badger Avenue.
5. Request from Point of Beginning, Inc. for a site plan review of an office development at an unaddressed parcel north of US Highway 10 and East of Badger Avenue.
6. Request from Service Cold Storage, LLC for a site plan review of an expansion to the existing cold storage warehouse facility located within the Planned Industrial Development Zoning District at 5700 E.M. Copps Drive.
7. Community Development Department Monthly Report for November 2016.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, Whiting, voiced his concerns with the conditional use permit for the operation of a car and truck wrecking facility at 801 Francis Street as well as the correct ownership of Point of Beginning. He stated this needs to go back to the Plan Commission.

Mayor Wiza stated this will go back to the Plan Commission.

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

8. Resolution – Amendment to the 1998 intergovernmental agreement for growth and development on Highway 10 and Brilowski Road, between the Town of Hull and City of Stevens Point, specifically to reduce certain building, parking lot, and drive aisle setbacks.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the Resolution – Amendment to the 1998 intergovernmental agreement for growth and development on Highway 10 and Brilowski Road, between the Town of Hull and City of Stevens Point, specifically to reduce certain building, parking lot, and drive aisle setbacks.

Ald. Phillips asked if the Town of Hull also needs to sign the agreement.

Mayor Wiza stated yes.

Ald. Kneebone stated this was to make setbacks uniform with current zoning.

Mayor Wiza stated this was correct.

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

9. Easement for rail improvements at 5700 E.M. Copps Drive.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the easement for rail improvements at 5700 E.M. Copps Drive.

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

10. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of December 12, 2016.

1. To accept the Director's Report and place it on file.
2. Request from WPS for underground utility easement for the installation of gas and electric services to the future Cobblestone Hotel Development.
3. Introduction to fee structure pertaining to Right-of-Way fees.
4. Presentation by Brentt Michalek of Mobilitie regarding locations of Cellular/Mobil data poles.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of December 12, 2016.

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

12. Ordinance Amendments – Traffic – Stop Signs for northbound and southbound traffic on Worth Court (Section 9.06(a), 810 and 811 of the RMC).

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment – traffic stop signs for northbound and southbound traffic on Worth Court.

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

- 13. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of December 12, 2016,**
1. License List.
 2. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings: Point Bock Run Inc. – Annual Point Bock Run on March 4, 2017.
 3. Brochure outlining the role, powers and responsibilities of an alderperson.
 4. Committee members’ ideas for future agenda items.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection meeting of December 12, 2016 with the contingency that Rookies Bar apply for a conditional use permit through Plan Commission.

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

- 14. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of December 12, 2016.**
1. Write-off uncollectible personal property taxes and accounts receivable.
 2. 3rd Quarter Room Tax Report.
 3. Updated Credit Card Policy.
 4. Approval of Payment of Claims.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of December 12, 2016.

Ald. Phillips noted a correction from the word “tabled” to “postponed.”

Mayor Wiza stated this will be corrected.

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

- 15. Resolution – Commitment of Fund Balances to 250 (Cell Tower Fund) and 251 (Arts Center Fund).**

Ald. Dugan **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the resolution for the commitment of fund balances to 250 (Cell Tower Fund) and 251 (Arts Center Fund).

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

- 16. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meetings of December 12, 2016.**
1. Amendment to Administrative Policies 1.07 (Harassment), 3.01 (Standard Benefits – Minnesota Life Insurance and Temporary and Part-Time Employees) and 3.06 (Holidays).

2. **Closed session:**
Update date on bargaining with the Stevens Point Police Officer's Organization.
3. **Recommendation of the 2017 – 2018 Stevens Point Police Officer's Organization Agreement.**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of December 12, 2016.

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

17. Stevens Point Police Officers' Organization 2017 – 2018 Agreement.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the Stevens Point Police Officers' Organization 2017-18 agreement.

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 Police and Fire Commission meeting of November 1, 2016.

1. **People to be heard and announcements**
2. **Update on police officer new hires**
3. **Update on Corporal promotional process**
4. **Consideration of donation of exercise equipment to Police Department**
5. **Police Chief's Report**
6. **Update on EMS oversight decision**
7. **Fire Chief's Report/EMS Report**
8. **Approval of minutes**
9. **Confirmation of bills**
10. **Closed session for police officer off probation interviews (2)**
11. **Reconvene into open session for possible action**

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of November 1, 2016.

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

19. Minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of December 1, 2016.

1. **Approval of the October 27, 2016 Transportation Commission minutes.**
2. **Request from the Family and Student Outreach Coordinator with Stevens Point Schools to consider fare reduction for program participants.**
3. **October 2016 financial report.**
4. **Manager's Report:**
Staff Update
City/County Consolidated Services Update
5. **Next meeting date.**

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Transportation Committee meeting of December 1, 2016.

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

20. Minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners of December 12, 2016.

1. Approval of minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting.
2. Notice of employee running for elected office.-Joel Lemke
3. Discussion and possible action on approval of department claims.
4. Discussion and possible action on the 2017 Capital Operations & Maintenance Plan.-Joel Lemke
5. Discussion and possible action on proceeding with a simplified rate case.-Joel Lemke
6. Report on water distribution operations. – Gary Kuplic
7. Report on water supply operations. – Gary Kuplic
8. Discussion and possible action on Point of Beginning, Inc. to remove/modify the 80% natural lot coverage requirement within Parkdale Subdivision.-Joel Lemke
9. Report on collection system maintenance. – Rob Molski
10. Report on sewage treatment operations. – Chris LeFebvre
11. Discussion and possible action on Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project 2017-2019.-Joel Lemke/Chris Lefebvre/Presentation by Donohue
12. Report on storm water operations. – Rob Molski/Joel Lemke
13. Director's Verbal report. – Joel Lemke

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of December 12, 2016.

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

21. Minutes and actions of the Airport Commission meeting of December 12, 2016.

1. Approval of minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting.
2. Discussion and possible action of department claims.
3. Discussion and possible action on the 2017 Capital Operations & Maintenance Plan.-Joel Lemke/Jason Draheim
4. Written report provided. – Jason Draheim
5. Verbal report. – Jason Draheim

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Airport Commission meeting of December 12, 2016.

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

22. Minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of December 7, 2016.

1. Approval of the November 1, 2016 Minutes.
2. Amend current Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.
3. Approval 2017 Seasonal Pay Scale.

4. **Review survey questions for Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.**
5. **Director's report.**

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of December 7, 2016.

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

23. Minutes and actions of the Smongeski Health Fund meeting of December 6, 2016.

1. **Financial Report.**
2. **Review of program activity for the year.**
3. **Funding for 2016-2017 programs.**

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Smongeski Health Fund meeting of December 6, 2016.

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

24. Minutes and actions of the Joint Municipal Court Oversight Committee meeting of November 21, 2016.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Joint Municipal Court Oversight Committee meeting of November 21, 2016.

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

25. Resolution – Dakota Access Pipeline.

Brewster Johnson, 925 Franklin Street, stated he is a UWSP Natural Resource major and went to Standing Rock as a witness to the protest. He stated there is a serious threat to the natural resources in the area with the pipeline construction as well as treaty rights violations.

Ald. Oberstadt stated she was concerned and questioned the meaning of the language "actively oppose".

Mayor Wiza stated it was a call to direct citizens to accurate sources of information concerning the impact the pipeline will create with regard to the environment.

Ald. Doxtator asked what was the purpose of this resolution.

Mayor Wiza stated it was important for the protection of natural resources.

Ald. Slowinski stated he does not believe this resolution is necessary.

Ald. Johnson stated she supports the indigenous people's treaty rights, sacred land as well as water safety concerns. She stated this frames the values of the City of Stevens Point with regard to the environment and treaty rights.

Ald. Morrow stated he agrees with Ald. Doxtator and this is something the City does not need to become involved in.

Ald. Kneebone stated she is in favor of this resolution to protect the environment and the indigenous people affected by the pipeline.

Ald. McComb stated the pipeline struggle resonates with the Natural Resources Program on land/water protection and conservation through UWSP.

Ald. Dugan stated she would support this resolution.

Ald. Oberstadt stated she has concerns supporting highly charged political issues that have no bearing on the City of Stevens Point.

Ald. Phillips stated he is not in support of this resolution.

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

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

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Ryan 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.

27. Mayoral Appointments: Redevelopment Authority Board of Water and Wastewater Commissioners

Mayor Wiza thanked Marge Molski for her years of service to the City of Stevens Point.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the Mayoral appointments to the Redevelopment Authority and Board of Water and Wastewater Commissioners.

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

28. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.