

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Chambers
County-City Building
1516 Church St.

June 19, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Mike Wiza, Presiding

PRESENT: Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Attorney Beveridge, Clerk Moe, C/T Ladick, Dir. Schrader, Dir. Ostrowski, Dir. Lemke, Dir. Beduhn, Assessor Shepro, Asst. Police Chief Zenner, Asst. Fire Chief Baganz, Assistant Pazdernik, Nate Enwald, Portage County Gazette; Brandi Makuski, City Times.

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

Mayor Wiza highlighted various accomplishments from the last month including an Entrepreneur of the Year award for Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point Transit receiving a Driving Incentive Award and Most Improved System award, Stevens Point Convention and Visitors Bureau received a J.E.M. grant from the State, and the Stevens Point Fire Department received an improved ISO rating. He also noted that Kerry Taylor retired after 22 years with the Fire Department and former Alderperson Elbert Rackow's is retiring after 20-plus years of service on the Transportation Commission. He also commended the entire Stevens Point community for their work recovering from last week's severe storm.

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.

Rick Whipp, 2016 Main Street; proposed that a portion of the revenues generated by the parking meters go to AODA programs and interpersonal violence prevention in order to make the community safer. He also commended the City and University for their Memorandum of Agreement, but stated more alcohol and violence prevention efforts need to be made.

Margaret Travicke, 7527 Castle Lane, Custer, WI; expressed concern over the condition of sidewalks in the downtown area, citing individuals who had fallen or nearly fallen there.

Mayor Wiza stated he would look further into the issue and return his findings to Ms. Travicke in the future.

Maya Alger, 2500 River Road, Junction City, WI; introduced the 9/11 Memorial Restoration Group consisting of students from Ben Franklin Jr. High School. She stated they were attempting to raise \$10,000 to help fund a refurbishment of the Plover 9/11 Memorial.

Remington Wisinski, 2421 Hickory Drive, Plover WI; mentioned special events would generate the funding for the refurbishment.

Katie-Grace Embertson, 2541 Willow Drive, Plover, WI; added that the restoration group was learning about 9/11 through their fundraising efforts.

Matthias Rudnick, 1835 Whitewater Cove, Plover, WI; stated more information about the restoration group could be found by searching for "Plover 9/11 Memorial Restoration" on facebook.

5. Kent Hall - Presentation of the Bird City Wisconsin 's High Flyer award .

Kent Hall congratulated Stevens Point on earning the Bird City Wisconsin High Flyer award for the sixth year in a row. He added that efforts to expand the Bird City program to other states were developing because of its success in Wisconsin.

Ald. Johnson asked if Stevens Point could reach a higher designation than High Flyer.

Dr. Hall replied that although there was currently no higher award Stevens Point could attain within the Bird City Wisconsin program, the City should make greater efforts to identify and protect bird habitats before permitting development.

6. Curt Witynski, Wisconsin League of Municipalities - Presentation on Green Tier Legacy Communities and League Updates .

Curt Witynski introduced the Wisconsin League of Municipalities as an organization that advocates before the State Legislature on behalf of Wisconsin municipalities. He encouraged Stevens Point to apply for a Green Tier Legacy Communities membership because of the benefits to municipalities who intentionally support sustainability efforts. Mr. Witynski gave an update on the state budget process reporting that it was going well for municipalities, including progress on a bill initiated by C/T Ladick.

Mayor Wiza described the efforts that the Wisconsin League of Municipalities has made on behalf of Wisconsin municipalities.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

7. Minutes of the Common Council meeting of May 15 and the Special Common Council meeting of May 22, 2017.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the minutes of the Common Council meetings of May 15 and May 22, 2017.

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

8. Actions of the City Plan Commission meeting of June 5, 2017.

- 3. Request from Bailey Voigt, representing the property owner, for a sign variance to install a wall sign above the signable area and beyond the total allowable signage at 1265 Main Street, Stevens Point.**

12. Ordinance Amendment - Zoning - Allow the use of Tourist Rooming Houses as a permitted or conditional use within the R-3 Single and Two-Family Residence Zoning District (Section 23.02(1)(e) of the RMC) .

Sara Brish, 340 Division Street North, representing the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; spoke in favor of the ordinance amendment because of the need to address tourist rooming houses quickly. She stated tourist rooming houses were increasing in popularity and additional rooms were needed because of events held in Stevens Point.

Mayor Wiza reported the City Plan Commission denied this ordinance because it was determined more time was needed to study the effect of tourist rooming houses in the currently permitted zones.

Dir. Ostrowski stated the denial was also because the zoning code was currently being rewritten and should be ready in late 2017 or early 2018.

Ald. Kneebone asked if the section of the zoning code related to tourist rooming houses could be finished early.

Dir. Ostrowski stated the only way to permit the early completion suggested by Ald. Kneebone would be to amend the current ordinances, but such a change would be simpler and easier under the new formatting of the revised zoning code once it was completed.

Mayor Wiza agreed with the City Plan Commission that this amendment should wait until after completion of the revised zoning code for consideration.

Ald. Johnson advised that short term rentals were likely already taking place in this zone and legislation should address it as soon as possible.

Mayor Wiza stated the City was aware these rentals were taking place and the public should be warned that little oversight currently occurs here and in other cities.

Ald. McComb read a letter from Susan Kerbel whose request originated the proposed ordinance amendment. Ms. Kerbel stated there was a strong desire for non-traditional housing options and if these options were not permitted in Stevens Point visitors would stay elsewhere.

Ald. Jennings asked if Ms. Kerbel would need a license and inspection if this motion passed.

Dir. Ostrowski replied a Conditional Use Permit would be required and they would be inspected by the Portage County Health Department.

Mayor Wiza asked if the Portage County Health Department checked for fire safety.

Asst. Fire Chief Baganz replied they did not.

Dir. Ostrowski stated if the amendment passed, safety concerns could be attached to a Conditional Use Permit, but there would be expenses associated with that process.

Ald. Nebel asked if licenses currently existed for tourist rooming houses.

Dir. Ostrowski replied no such licensing program currently existed, and would instead be addressed by Conditional Use Permits.

Nays: Ald. Jennings, Nebel, Johnson, Kneebone, Dugan. Motion adopted.

15. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of June 12, 2017.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of June 12, 2017.

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

16. Ordinance Amendment - Traffic - No Parking on sections of Crosby Avenue, Franklin Street and Portage Street (Section 9.05 (g) and 9.05 (j) of the RMC).

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment to create No Parking on sections of Crosby Avenue, Franklin Street and Portage Street.

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

17. Public Hearing - Special Assessment for a section of Maria Drive for sidewalk, curb and gutter reconstruction.

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

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

18. Final Resolution - Special Assessment for a section of Maria Drive for sidewalk, curb and gutter reconstruction.

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the final resolution for a special assessment for a section of Maria Drive for sidewalk, curb and gutter reconstruction.

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

19. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of June 12, 2017.

- 1. Contracting with Springsted for position classification placement for newly created positions and reclassification requests.**
- 2. Amendment to Administrative Policy 2.05 - Position Reclassifications .**
- 3. New Position Requests: Parks (Assistant Facilities Supervisor), Engineering (GIS/Engineering Technician) .**
- 4. Request for employment overlap for the Facilities Supervisor position .**

Mayor Wiza mentioned that Ald. Shorr provided additional language for the amendment to Administrative Policy 2.05.

Ald. Shorr stated Ald. McComb requested an additional change to Item 1, Section B of the Position Reclassifications by inserting "and permanent." This section would now read, "All requests for reclassification...with a substantial and permanent change in job duties and responsibility..."

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

24. Claim - Notice of Circumstances of Claim & Claim for Damages: Conduent Payment Integrity Solutions on behalf of Cigna-Injury at the Willett Ice Arena (Zachary Rosado/Efrain Rosado).

Atty. Beveridge reported the claim was filed by a third party and the City had recreational immunity and there was no negligence involved.

C/T Ladick stated the third party seemed to be looking for money through claims without the original party.

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to deny the claim by Conduent Payment Integrity Solutions on behalf of Cigna-Injury.

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

25. Settlement Agreement - Various individual claimants regarding alleged impacts to privately owned wells attributable to the City 's Well 11.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the settlement agreement for various individual claimants regarding alleged impacts to privately owned wells attributable to the City's Well 11.

Atty. Beveridge commended the professionalism and cooperativeness of the Town of Hull and their legal representatives.

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

**26. Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of May 2, 2017.
8. Confirmation of Bills .**

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of May 2, 2017.

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

27. Actions of the Board of Park Commissioners of June 7, 2017.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve the actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting on June 7, 2017.

Ald. McComb appreciated the Board of Park Commissioners' listening session.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.