

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**September 18, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

**Mayor Wiza, Presiding**

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

EXCUSED: Ald. Shorr, Phillips.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Clerk Moe, C/T Ladick, Fire Chief Finn, Dir. Beduhn, Dir. Ostrowski, Dir. Schrader, Chief Skibba, Dir. Lemke, Mark Kordus, Mayoral Asst. Pazdernik, Gene – Portage County Gazette, Cassie – Portage County Gazette.

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

Mayor Wiza said the salute to the flag was a little more special because of the 238<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution. He noted the addition of a consent agenda section to the Council Agenda. Mayor Wiza congratulated Frank Suchon on his 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the City's Wastewater Department. He said the City is also mourning the passing of Fred LaRosa who was a Police Officer for 30 years as well as served as a court bailiff after leaving the Department. Mayor Wiza spoke about the City – Wide re-evaluation process which was last done 14 years ago. He said the purpose of the re-evaluation is to have the assessment be close to the value of the home as possible. Mayor Wiza announced the City is looking at ways to assist those who need to make updates to their house but do not have the funds to do so. He said the City has held multiple events recently to increase tourism one of which was the Duck Stamp Competition which brought in over 1,000 people outside of the Stevens Point community and over 2,000 live streamed it online. Mayor Wiza said the Duck Stamp Competition has only been held outside of Washington D.C. eight times within 84 years.

**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. Dugan spoke about the protective services training she attended. She said it was a nicely done event and recommended other alders go if given the opportunity. Ald.

Dugan also discussed the WHEDA conference she attended. She said right now is a good time for housing. She said it was a good experience.

Mayor Wiza said the City Staff works with WHEDA on a weekly basis and is glad she enjoyed the conference.

Sean Piette, 917 Washington Ave, discussed parking on the University Campus. He said the University oversells parking lot spaces because not everyone is going to be there at the same time. He said people previously parked in free on street parking. Mr. Piette said the students who cannot get a spot in the parking lot are raising concerns about having to pay for parking.

Mayor Wiza said if there is anything the City can do with assistance on the parking issue to get ahold of him.

### **5. Presentation by Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator, Mark Kordus on Citywide Property Maintenance Survey Results.**

Mr. Kordus talked about the results from the survey that was available on the City's website from April to August. Mr. Kordus said the biggest challenges in the City are: keeping sidewalks cleared, exterior maintenance and upkeep of properties, and lack of regulations of rental properties. He said the one response that did not line up with a City ordinance is parking on a hard surface. Mr. Kordus said that the survey responses said that crushed granite or gravel is considered as a hard surface. Mr. Kordus said the City might want to consider restricting the number of recreational vehicles and where they can be placed. Mr. Kordus said it might be beneficial to have a bulk item drop off or pick up within the City.

Mayor Wiza said there is a drop off for bulk items on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at the City garage. He said City residents can use the drop off but the City does not allow commercial entities. Mayor Wiza said there may be a disposing fee due to a charge they received when getting rid of the items. He said the City also has bulk item tags available for purchase in the Treasurer's Office.

C/T Ladick said the tags are \$10 and are located in the Treasurer's Office. He said the bulk item pick up is every Monday if the item is tagged. C/T Ladick reminded everyone that they do not pick up appliances or electronics. He said people typically use it for furniture and mattresses.

Mr. Kordus said based off of the survey response may a lot of people thought lot sizes should be regulated based off of location in the City. He said many people thought rental properties should be inspected and looked at more on a regular basis.

Mayor Wiza thanked Mr. Kordus for doing the presentation. He said the information and said it would be available on the City's website. He said he is going to take the findings and bring possible ordinance changes to the Council within the next couple of months.

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



Slowinski, Johnson, Oberstadt, Nebel, Jennings.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**8. Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of September 5, 2017.**

**5. Request by the City of Stevens Point Police Department to relocate operations from 1515 Strongs Avenue to 933 Michigan Avenue (Parcel ID 281240833200105), formerly Mid-State- Technical College.**

**7. Request from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Stevens Point to purchase 1105 Second Street formerly Jerry's Auto Service.**

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the actions of the Plan Commission meeting of September 5, 2017.

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

**9. Resolution – Vacation of Public Right-of-Way – Reserve Street, south of Madison Street.**

Renea Dahms, 1296 Ridge Road, Custer, said she was available for any questions.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the resolution vacating a public street.

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

**10. Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – Request to convert 1033 Park Street into apartments.**

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the Conditional Use Permit to convert 1033 Park Street into apartments.

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

**11. Ordinance Amendment – Building Code – Fences, to permit deviations from the ordinance with recommendation by the Plan Commission and approval from the Common Council (Section 30.04(3) of the RMC).**

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment of the building code for fences to permit deviations from the ordinance.

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



## **2. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings.**

Rob Konkol, 2708 Stanley St, was available for any questions.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of September 11, 2017.

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

## **17. Ordinance Amendment – Standing Rules – Introduction of Business (Subsection 2.05 of the RMC).**

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve Ordinance Amendment for Standing Rules for the Introduction of Business.

Mayor Wiza said this came through because an Alder wanted clarification of the ordinance on how to get an item placed on an agenda.

Ald. Jennings wanted to clarify that they did vote on it last month but it had to be re-voted on.

Mayor Wiza said the ordinance in last month's Council packet was different from the one that was approved by the Public Protection Committee.

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

## **18. Minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of September 11, 2017.**

- 2. Candlewood proposal for property management services for 5950 Highway 10 East.**
- 3. Purchase of 1105 Second Street (Former Jerry's Auto Site).**
- 4. Permission to apply for an EPA Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for EPA Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant Application Assistance and Administration.**
- 8. Approval of Claims Paid.**

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of Finance Committee meeting of September 11, 2017.

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

## **19. Consideration of Claim-Carol Austreng-Damage to windshield from pea gravel.**



Dir. Ostrowski said it relates to compliance. He said as soon as you make an update to a portion of a building you then have to be up to code.

Ald. Morrow asked if Edgewater was going to contribute funds to the project.

Dir. Ostrowski said they will be assisting with the cost and have some funds already in the account. He said the City should not be concerned with if there is going to be enough money or not.

Mayor Wiza said Candlewood Property Management has done a great job filling the apartments and keeping them filled.

Ald. Jennings wanted to verify that Boldt was asking for \$18,000 to assess the electrical and then electricians will come in and fix the electrical problems.

Dir. Ostrowski said that was correct and Boldt would be putting out the bids for the electrical and preparing all of the necessary documents. He said this would begin in Spring of 2018.

Call for the Vote:

Ayes: Jennings, Nebel, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski,  
Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Morrow.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

### **23. Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.