

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**November 20, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS

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

Mayor Wiza said Ald. Nebel requested the garbage cart ordinance be rescheduled for the December meeting and asked if there were any objections.

Ald. Slowinski said this has already been postponed and he would like to vote on it at this meeting.

Ald. Nebel said there has been misinformation in the media about the issue. She is currently working with Dir. Ostrowski on creating an ordinance proposal that is clear, sustainable, and enforceable in both chapters as well as not causing hardship to residents.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to postpone until next month.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Majority.
Nays: Minority. Motion adopted

Mayor Wiza said anyone who came to speak on this ordinance can do so on agenda item number 4. He said agenda item number 26 (creation of the executive committee) has been withdrawn and asked if any Council members had an objection. He said if anyone came to speak regarding this item can register.

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. Shorr said about 18 months ago the Council had a discussion in regards to violation appeals for placement of garbage cans. He said the Council thought the restrictions were

too strict so Ald. Nebel decided to tackle this issue. He said the wording in the current ordinance is vague on where the garbage cans can be placed.

Ald. Kneebone announced that Geeks Doing Good at World Builders has launched their fundraiser that in the past has raised over \$7 million for Heifer International which provides livestock for families in third world countries. She said World Builders is located in the old Stevens Point Journal building and she wished them luck on their Fund raising campaign. She also apologized for her comment about the acoustics during one of the meetings at the Lincoln Center.

Mayor Wiza said there is no amplified sound in the Lincoln Center like there is in the Council chambers. He said the City is working on a location to hold Committee and Plan Commission meetings.

Ald. Oberstadt wanted to remind citizens that the City has lifted overnight parking restrictions from November 22 – 25. She said cars have to be legally parked and obey all other posted parking signs.

Bob Gifford, 517 Fieldcrest Avenue, he said now is the perfect time for municipalities, school boards, and counties to get bills moving for financial stability and affordable housing. Mr. Gifford encouraged everyone to talk with young adults and try to understand their situation. He said young adults will say rent is too high and wages are too low.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, thought the intent of the garbage can ordinance was to keep the storage carts out of view of the front of the properties. She said the draft proposal passed at the Public Protection Committee meeting allowed storage carts to be stored at the front side corner of the house. Ms. Laszewski suggested requesting the garbage carts be kept at the rear side of the house which will help with the curb appeal of older houses in the City.

Julieane Bowling, 4064 Simonis Street, spoke against adding additional restrictions to the garbage can ordinance. She said in the spring she was informed that the garbage cans need to be stored in a spot that is not visible from the street. Ms. Bowling suggests spending City tax-payer money on something that will better the community.

Keaton Schultz, 801 Illinois Avenue, thought it would be beneficial for Council members to attend the Apartment Association meetings to better describe the ordinance so there are no misunderstandings. He said this issue is getting blown out of proportion and does not see an issue with the ordinance.

Ald. Slowinski wanted to explain why he objected to pulling item number 25. He said he has received a lot of phone calls regarding the issue and every caller said they are not in favor of it. Ald. Slowinski said he called Mark Kordus in the Inspection Department and was told there is no issue with where garbage cans can be placed. Ald. Slowinski said everyone creates garbage and a place is needed for the cans and thinks Council is wasting a lot of time.

Ald. Nebel said chapters 7 and 21 state two different things for garbage can locations. She brought this ordinance forward for clarity and so both chapters are consistent. Ald. Nebel said this has been blown out of proportion and finds it sad that people do not care what someone else's garbage cans can do to the value of their property. She said she never said the garbage could not be seen.

5. Presentation by Angie Kellogg, Gary Garske and Mary Patoka: 2017 LIFE Report

(Angie Kellogg said LIFE stands for Local Indicators For Excellence and this is a collaborative effort to provide a comprehensive overview for Portage County.) She said the categories of the LIFE report are: basic needs and support, community safety, health and wellness, community engagement, education, environment, energy, transportation, and economic environment. Ms. Kellogg said the main issues and concerns in Portage County are: mental health, drugs and alcohol, financial stability, and affordable housing.

Gary Garske said everyone has good and bad mental health. He said every two years a survey is sent out to schools and in 2015-2016 14.5 students said they have suffered from depression which was an increase from the last survey. Mr. Garske said Portage County has the least amount of providers per mental health patient. He said a lot of people do not seek out help due to the stigma. Mr. Garske said there are two areas of concern for alcohol abuse: pregnant women and those under 21. He said alcohol use in Wisconsin is higher than the national average.

Mary Patoka said the current measure for poverty does not always capture how many people are struggling. She said there is a 25.8% poverty rate within the City of Stevens Point. She said the ALICE report tries to capture those who are living above the poverty line but still struggling to make ends meet. Ms. Patoka said parents are working so jobs are not the reason for the Financial struggle it is the wage earned. She said about 30% of someone's wage goes towards a house payment.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

- **Minutes of the Common Council meeting of October 16 and the Special Common Council meeting of November 13, 2017.**
- **Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of October 3, 2017.**
 - 4. Confirmation of bills
 - 7. Request to create a part-time supported employment position to be filled through Opportunity Development Centers – Fire Department
- **Actions of the Board of Water & Sewerage Commissioners meeting of November 13, 2017.**
 - 2. Department claims.
 - 3. Capital Improvement & Maintenance Plan.
 - 8. Contract for stormwater modeling and improvement alternatives for areas affected by flooding (north side).
- **Actions of the Airport Commission meeting November 13, 2017.**
 - 2. Department claims.
- **Actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of November 1, 2017.**
 - 3. Adoption of 2018 Price Structure
- **Actions of the Transportation Commission of November 13, 2017.**
 - 2. September 2017 financial/claims report.
 - 3. October 2017 financial/claims report.
 - 4. New paratransit position.
- **Minutes of the Smongeski Health Fund meeting of October 12, 2017.**
- **Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.**

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

7. Claim for damages by Kurt Grezinski - well replacement.

Attorney Beveridge said the home owner is alleging that the well failed based on dewatering by City owned Well 11. He said the claim alleges the well went bad in 2015. Attorney Beveridge said Well 11 came online in 2012 and has been pumping at a consistent rate since.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to deny the claim for Kurt Grezinski.

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

8. Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of November 6, 2017.

3. 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. Cops Drive (Parcel ID: 281230801210006).
10. Request from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for a site plan review to expand Parking Lot R at 2045 Portage Street (Parcel ID: 281240832104201).
13. Request from the City of Stevens Point to purchase three properties: 1466 Water Street (Parcel ID: 281240832201931), 0 Water Street (Parcel ID: 281240832201912), and 924 Arlington Place (Parcel ID: 281240832201911) for the preservation of property for a future city hall.

Marv Vankekerix, 2740 Sunset Blvd, is a board member of LIFE program and said the program consists of 300 members and offers between 100 and 120 ninety minute programs each year at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Mr. Vankekerix said one of the biggest complaints from members is the lack of parking. He said a lot of people have to park further away and walk or they simply go home due to no parking. Mr. Vankekerix said about 23 parking spaces would be added with this expansion.

Carl Rasmussen, 1848 Maria Drive, said the storm water and electrical systems were setup with the anticipation of the expansion. He said there will be 17 parking spaces added. Mr. Rasmussen said the University is planning on moving handicap spaces, motorcycle stalls, and relocating a few staff permits to get to the total of 23 parking spaces.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the actions of the Plan Commission meeting of November 6, 2017.

Ald. Nebel said she does not have an issue with this property becoming an add on for Lot R. She said she is concerned with the other Briggs Street properties that are in a holding pattern. Ald. Nebel said she hopes the University will provide a timeline for the removal of the houses and

Mayor Wiza said when Plan Commission made the recommendation they separated the properties out.

Dir. Ostrowski said Mr. Rice had contacted the Inspection Department regarding the law office. He said the current zoning would allow for a beautician shop; however, retail use would not be permitted. Dir. Ostrowski said when he looked at this with Mr. Rice he noticed this could be spot zoning so he took a broader approach and looked at the entire neighborhood and entrance into downtown as a transitional area. He said because Mr. Rice brought up 1525 Main Street it was put separately in case alders wanted to act upon them separately. Dir. Ostrowski said he does not see a major change in this area as all the buildings and uses are fairly established. He said based on the current zoning most of the buildings are non-conforming with the setbacks; however, with the zoning change the buildings would be more conforming. Dir. Ostrowski said this property is in the designer view district and any exterior improvement requests go through the Historic Preservations Commission.

Ald. Nebel asked what the allowable uses are for a B-2 district and asked about taverns in particular.

Dir. Ostrowski said bars or taverns would need a conditional use permit within any zone and said a tavern would not meet the requirements for a conditional use permit in this area. He said some of the available uses are: gift and antique stores, restaurants, dry cleaning, hobby shops, drug or pharmacy, florists, hardware, bakery, pet shops, bank, credit union, jeweler, research and development labs, and civic, political or religious organizations. Dir. Ostrowski said as the uses may change one but there needs to be enough area within the structure itself and it has to meet the building code requirements.

Ald. Nebel asked what the advantage in creating a different zone that would open up doors to uses that the City is not looking at in this point in time.

Dir. Ostrowski said the zoning makes it consistent throughout the entire stretch.

Ald. Nebel is concerned that what happened in her district will happen here. She said a stretch was zoned U1 which led to a building being tore down and a parking lot built. Ald. Nebel said when something is started it becomes the norm and often times is not to the advantage of the residents living in that area.

Dir. Ostrowski said the University is different from this area. He said when the land use was drawn up for the University it was drawn up as to what it was then not what the area is expected to be like in 15-20 years.

Ald. Johnson said she worries that something historic may be taken down to create a parking lot. Her concern is regarding the future and the new zoning code as well as the new concepts with how the older neighborhoods are structured.

Dir. Ostrowski said R-1 zoning would not apply to this area as it provides a transition from residential into the downtown. He said with the current zoning the buildings could be converted into office space or a parking lot. Dir. Ostrowski said retail in an R-5 zone is not allowed. Dir. Ostrowski said under B-2 zoning parking requirements are eliminated and there is no requirement for off street parking.

they think and what will go there. Ald. Jennings hopes Mr. Brody will take it upon himself to help make sure the student housing is well kept.

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

14. Public Hearing - Request from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to amend the City of Stevens Point Comprehensive Plan future land use map (Map 8.3) for the purposes of amending the future land use designation from residential to UWSP at 2045 Portage Street (Parcel ID: 281240832104201).

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

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

15. Ordinance Amendment on the above.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for the University.

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

16. Ordinance Amendment - Request from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to rezone 2045 Portage Street (Parcel ID: 281240832104201) from R-3 Single and Two-Family Residence District to U-1 University Facilities District.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment request from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to rezone 2045 Portage Street from R-3 Single and Two-Family Residence District to U-1 University Facilities District.

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

17. Resolution - Public Hearing and Action on a request from Cardinal Capital Management for a conditional use permit amendment to construct a community building and perform other property improvement activities at 2601 Indiana Avenue (Parcel ID: 281230804100113).

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

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

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the resolution on a request from Cardinal Capital Management for a conditional use permit amendment to construct a community building and perform other property improvement activities at 2601 Indiana Avenue.

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

18. Resolution Introduction – Vacation of a portion of public right-of-way on Cedar Street, from the Railroad to Bliss Avenue, and Shaurette Street, from Cypress Street to West of Maple Street.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve the resolution introduction – vacation of a portion of public right-of-way on Cedar Street, from the Railroad to Bliss Avenue, and Shaurette Street, from Cypress Street to West of Maple Street.

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

19. Public Hearing – Special Assessment for Replacement of non-standard water services, replacement of non-standard sanitary sewer laterals and for installation of storm sewer laterals and replacement of existing non-standard storm sewer laterals – Prentice Street Reconstruction Project #17-01.

Dir. Lemke said the resolution will allow the City to special assess the upgrades. He said the preliminary resolution has already been approved and construction completed.

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

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

20. Final Resolution on the above.

Ald. Morrow said everything went well during the project.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve the Special Assessment for replacement of non-standard water services, replacement of non-standard sanitary sewer laterals and for installation of storm sewer laterals and replacement of existing non-standard storm sewer laterals for Prentice Street Reconstruction Project #17-01.

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

21. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of November 13, 2017.
1. Request to Reallocate hours between fixed route and paratransit.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of November 13, 2017.

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

22. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of November 13, 2017.
1. Director's Report.

Ald. Phillips asked what staff is looking for and recommends.

Manager Jakusz said no one likes special meetings because it adds one more thing to everyone's busy calendars. She suggested that if closed session item is necessary it should be done at a special meeting.

Mayor Wiza said he is not looking for any action on this item, it is simply to discuss and see how to proceed.

Ald. Shorr said he can see a benefit to having the meetings on other nights of the week.

Ald. Morrow said he likes having the meetings at 5:30 or 6:00 and on Mondays so he can plan out his schedule.

Ald. Slowinski suggested the fourth Monday of the month for Council to allow more time for staff.

Ald. Oberstadt said she appreciates Ald. Shorr's suggestion; however, it would not be good for her work schedule.

Mayor Wiza said a suggestion was to have Plan Commission on the first Monday, and committees on the first Tuesday of the month. He said this allows more time for the alders to review the packets.

Ald. Kneebone suggested having closed sessions the same night as the Plan Commission meetings.

Mayor Wiza said a suggestion was to split the committee meetings in two nights. He said he is leery about this because some alders may not be able to attend the other committee meetings.

Ald. Jennings asked if having Council meetings on the fourth Monday would accomplish the same thing as have the committee meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. She said she has a busy schedule and the rotating days may interfere with other commitments.

Ald. Nebel suggested committee meetings being the first Monday of the month, Plan Commission on the second Monday of the month and Council on the third Monday of the month.

Ald. Johnson said she likes the first Monday of the month for Plan Commission meetings and the first Tuesday for committee meetings.

Ald. Phillips said he likes it the way it is.

Mayor Wiza encouraged anyone who has ideas on how to make the meetings better and have more participation to get in contact with him over the next couple of months.

Ald. Nebel asked about the start time of the meetings.

Mayor Wiza said he favors having the meetings late afternoon or early evening. He said the meetings could start earlier; however, he does not want to do anything that would discourage public participation.

Ald. Nebel asked if anyone would be interested in starting at 6:30 instead of 7:00.

Mayor Wiza said they can look at changing the time and being consistent with all the meetings start times.

- 32. Adjourn into closed session (approximately 8:00 P.M.) pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) (deliberating or negotiating the purchasing 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. Negotiating the potential purchase of the former Emerson School Site**

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to go into closed session.

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

33. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 9:46 p.m.