

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, January 8, 2018

Police Department – 933 Michigan Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairperson Mayor Mike Wiza, Director of Public Works Scott Beduhn, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) Corey Ladick and Tricia Church; **Alderspersons:** Tori Jennings(1st), Heidi Oberstadt(4th), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), Mary Kneebone(7th) and Shaun Morrow(11th).

ALSO PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: Joel Lemke – Public Utilities & Transportation, Tom Schrader – Parks & Recreation and Michael Ostrowski – Inspection & Development.

OTHER CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Attorney Andrew Beveridge, Fire Chief Bob Finn, Police Chief Marty Skibba, Assistant Police Chief Mike Rottier, Personnel Specialist Lisa Jakusz, City Clerk John Moe.

ALDERPERSONS: David Shorr(2nd), Cindy Nebel(3rd), Meleesa Johnson(5th), Cathy Dugan(8th), Mary McComb(9th) and Mike Phillips(10th).

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandi Makuski – Stevens Point Metro Wire, Joe Bachman – Stevens Point City Times, Cassie Lennox – Portage County Gazette, Lynn Schulist – 408 Glennon Avenue.

Chairperson Mayor Wiza called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Police Department located at 933 Michigan Avenue in Stevens Point.

1. Consideration and possible action to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Director Beduhn added that he and Alderperson Kneebone worked out another potential project for 2019 that has to do with filling in gaps on the sidewalk project. He reported that we are almost at a point where we will have something to present to the board.

Alderperson Kneebone added that she appreciates the fact that we are looking at a broader view instead of just small segments of sidewalk as well as looking at alternative kinds of lighting to preserve the dark sky but yet provide a lighted pathway for those that want to take advantage of the sidewalks.

Director Beduhn also gave an update that came forward from BPAC regarding design alternatives for the Isadore Street Project. He and Alderperson Jennings handed out printed photos of a variety of ideas for that corridor. He explained the way the right-of-way is now; there is not sufficient room to maintain existing sidewalk as well as add bicycle lanes; however, it was asked if we could approach the University to see if they would be willing to give us land in order to increase the right-of-way by approximately 6 feet.

Aldersperson Jennings thanked Director Beduhn for the printed cross section alternatives. She added that this presents a once in a lifetime opportunity with a complete rebuild of this corridor to showcase what is possible. She added that this would also improve transportation as well as parking.

Mayor Wiza asked if anyone from BPAC has run this idea past the University to which Aldersperson Jennings stated that they are working on it. Mayor Wiza pointed out that without the additional land by the University; this project would not be possible.

Aldersperson Slowinski asked for clarification in that this is something we are possibly looking at doing on Isadore Street when we reconstruct to which Director Beduhn said yes. Aldersperson Slowinski asked that if this were to be worked out, would there still be opportunities for the Alderspersons to discuss to which Mayor Wiza said yes.

Director Beduhn added that the University would have to be willing to take on additional things even more so than just giving us the land.

Aldersperson Slowinski moved approval of the Director's Report and place it on file; Seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.

Aldersperson Dugan added that she is pleased at how the discussions have been going regarding filling in the gaps for the sidewalk project. She also added that she feels that the public involvement meeting for the Stanley Street went well. She was especially happy with the way Mayor Wiza conducted the meeting because she felt it encouraged people to discuss all the possibilities.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Ordinance Amendments for 15 Minute Parking Limitations.

Aldersperson Jennings explained that the owner and manager of Zest Bakery and Coffeehouse contacted both the mayor and herself regarding the new parking kiosks in front of their business. She explained that people were parking to go in for a cup of coffee and coming out with a parking ticket on their vehicles. Aldersperson Jennings further explained that having to pay to park in front of their business puts them at a significant disadvantage compared to those businesses nearby that have a drive-thru or free parking. This request is to allow 15 minute parking for a few parking spaces for Zest customers to run in and run out.

Aldersperson Jennings motioned to approve the Ordinance Amendment; seconded by Aldersperson Kneebone.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Proposal from Ruekert Mielke for the design of infrastructure improvements related to the East Park Commerce Center in the amount not to exceed \$372,400.00.

Director Beduhn explained that he is looking for authorization to begin negotiations with Ruekert Mielke to begin the design of infrastructure improvements.

Aldersperson Slowinski stated that he was not aware that we sent out request for qualifications to anyone to which Director Beduhn clarified the process that was taken. He explained that requests for qualifications were sent and three were received back and those three were evaluated internally to come up with Ruekert Mielke.

Aldersperson Oberstadt moved to approve the proposal; seconded by Aldersperson Morrow.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed ordinance language for the creation of a Community Area Network (CAN).

Mayor Wiza explained that this would be to allow other entities to use our infrastructure for high speed internet.

Director Lemke reported that the Utilities Commission acted on this today with a few suggested grammar structure type changes but; for the most part, their recommendation is to forward it to council with their support.

Aldersperson Slowinski moved approval to accept the proposed ordinance language for the creation of a Community Area Network; seconded by Aldersperson Jennings.

Aldersperson Nebel asked for more information on what the Community Area Network is to which Mayor Wiza explained that we have infrastructure in place and this would be to allow some use of it to support other entities and their access to high speed internet.

Aldersperson Nebel asked if there is a fee that the City will be getting for this use to which Director Lemke said that the proposed fee right now is \$400.00 per month for connection and a little more if there is extra fiber strands needed. He further explained that this would give entities dark fiber to use to get to whatever service they want. We would not be providing any services, just fiber or bandwidth.

Mayor Wiza explained that we put in more infrastructure then we currently use in anticipation of growth; however, since we are currently not using it, we can make money off of it to allow someone else to use it.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Mayor Wiza adjourned the January 8, 2018 Board of Public Works Meeting at 6:16 p.m.