

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**October 15, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Mike Wiza, Presiding

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

EXCUSED: Ald. Slowinski.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Clerk Piotrowski, Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, Fire Chief Finn, Police Chief Skibba, Dir. Ostrowski, Dir. Lemke, Dir. Beduhn, Dir. Schrader, Alan Hovorka – Stevens Point Journal, Joe Bachman – Stevens Point City Times, Brandi Makuski – Metro Wire, Mike Leischner – WSAU Radio, Courtney Terlecki – WAOW.

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

Mayor Wiza congratulated Robin Lipski on his retirement from the Streets Department and his 32 years with the City. He congratulated Carrie Freeberg in the Comptroller – Treasures Office on 30 years with the City. Mayor Wiza read parts of a letter he received from a resident on September 21st in regards to how well the Police Department handled what could have been dangerous situation at her place of employment. Mayor Wiza read a resolution that Council passed on November 21, 2016 in regards to diversity and inclusion, and to condemn all forms of hate and bigotry. He said there is a lot of hate and bigotry in the world and urged everyone to lower that mark rather than contributing to it.

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.

Chai Moua, 2949 Minnesota Avenue, thanked the Common Council for passing the resolution against hate and bias in 2016. She said she has experienced hate and bias her entire life and said she cannot sit back after what has been going on the past few months within the community. Ms. Moua asked the City to take the lead and to dismantle institutionalized racism and bias so then other cities and the County can

follow. She said people may not intentionally cause harm but sometimes they can by what they say or do.

5. Presentation by Craig Gerlach, School Superintendent, update on the Stevens Point School District.

Superintendent Gerlach gave a presentation on the Stevens Point Area School Districts referendum questions for the November election. He said the first referendum question relates to the School District's operational needs. Superintendent Gerlach said they are asking to exceed their revenue limit by a reoccurring \$3.5 million. He said the cost to the tax payer is \$0.77 per \$1,000 or \$77 on a \$100,000 evaluation. Mr. Gerlach said the second question is for a bond referendum to make improvements to technology, safety and security, upgrade learning spaces, and add space to the SPASH cafeteria. He said they did receive two grants last year that are valued at over a half of a million dollars and said the improvements they are looking at is over \$3 million. Superintendent Gerlach said the second referendum the School District could borrow up to \$75.9 million, \$50 million of that is for deferred maintenance. He said if the operational budget referendum question does not pass then the School District is froze at \$9400 per student over the next three years. Superintendent Gerlach said all of the information is on their website, pointschools.net.

6. Presentation by Meleesa Johnson, Portage County Health Care Center Committee Chair, update on the Health Care Center.

Supervisor Johnson said her goal is to provide information on what they have been doing at the Health Care Center and at the Health Care Committee. She said Portage County has been providing skilled nursing for over 100 years. Supervisor Johnson discussed everything Portage County Health Care Center has to offer, including respite care. She talked about having a smaller facility and an efficient design, which would have less staff and still provide the same level of service. Supervisor Johnson said the Portage County Health Care Center looked at trying to find ways to lower the cost and make things more efficient, and saw they could drop four staff members. She said the Health Care Center is asking up to \$1.4 million each year for the next four years, which is about \$24.48 per \$100,000.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

7. Consent Agenda:

- **Minutes of the Common Council meeting of September 17, and the Special Meeting of the Common Council of October 1, 2018.**
- **Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of September 11, 2018.**
 3. Confirmation of Bills.
 4. Request for New Position Fire Marshal/Inspector.
 5. Future public safety staffing requests.
 7. Update on cost of staffing – Police Department.
 8. Police Chiefs Report.
 9. Memorandum of Understanding regarding fire investigations.
 10. Fire Chief's Report.

- **Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of October 1, 2018.**
 4. Request from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point for site plan review to construct a sign structure in University Parking Lot Y (Parcel ID 2812408321119) on the corner of Division St and Portage Street.
 5. Request from Jim Smola for an exception to the driveway standards (Chapter 23.01(14)(i)(3) at 856 West Gates Drive (Parcel ID 281240831300506).
 6. Request from Robert Giese for an exception to the driveway standards (Chapter 23.01(14)(i)(3) at 4016 Simonis Street (Parcel ID 281240827300212).
 7. Artwork near the newly constructed roundabout on Division St North and North Point Drive.
 9. Community Development Department Monthly Report.
- **Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of October 8, 2018.**
 2. Discussion and action on department claims.
 3. Report on water distribution operations.
 4. Report on water supply operations.
 5. Discussion and possible action on VFD replacement for Well 11.
 6. Discussion and possible action on Reciprocal Water Agreements.
 7. Report on Collection System Maintenance.
 8. Report on Sewage Treatment Operations.
 9. Report on Storm Water Operations.
- **Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of October 8, 2018.**
 2. Discussion and possible action on Department Claims
- **Actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of October 8, 2018.**
 2. Approval of Department claims.
 3. 2019 Budget review/grant funding updates.
 4. Request for Taxi Services.
- **Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of October 8, 2018.**
 2. Annual Salary for Alderpersons 2019-2020.
 3. Addition of Voluntary accident insurance coverage for employees.
- **Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of October 8, 2018.**
 2. Accept Proposal from Gremmer and Associates for design assistance for the 2019 Reconstruction Projects on Fifth Ave and Pulaski Place.
- **Actions of the Public Protection meeting of October 8, 2018.**
 1. Appeals of notice/service charge for Property Maintenance Violation (minutes only).
 2. License List/Change of Agent.
 3. Requests to Hold Events.
 4. Fee Schedule for Public Records.
- **Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of October 8, 2018.**
 1. Consideration of the proposed 2019 Capital Budget.
 2. Request from the McDill Lake District for financing of a garbage truck.
 3. Updated Resolution of Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of City Monies.
 4. Artwork near the newly constructed roundabout on Division Street North and North Point Drive.
 5. Approval of Claims Paid.
- **Consideration of Mayoral appointment to the Board of Appeal, Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Street Safety Commission**
- **Comptrollers/ Treasurers Monthly Report.**

Ald. Nebel said she is concerned with the financing at this time when the City is having issues with the budget. She agrees that the City needs the artwork there but thinks it is not the right time.

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

8. Resolution – Authorizing and Providing for the Sale of Issuance of \$4,140,000 General Obligatory Promissory Notes, Series 2018B, and all Related Details.

Greg Johnson, Ehlers, said the note received five bids. He said winning bid was submitted by Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. with interest costs of 2.9418% and said the issuance on the note expense came in less than estimated.

C/T Ladick said the interest rate was better than expected and recommends going forward with the issuance.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to accept the bid.

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

9. Resolution –Authorizing the Filing of an Objection on behalf of the City of Stevens Point to an Objection filed by VERSO Corporation of Manufacturing Assessments for one Parcel of Property in the City of Stevens Point.

Attorney Beveridge said this is a procedural item required by State Statute for the City to become a participant in this matter and receive notifications on the progress of this. He said the case is going to be going on behind the scenes down in Madison.

Ald. Morrow asked how much Verso is trying to contest they owe.

Attorney Beveridge said he cannot remember an amount but can get it to him at a later date. He said the process is being handled outside of the hands of municipalities and at the Department of Revenue. Attorney Beveridge said this would only give the City a voice in the matter.

Ald. Johnson asked if this could include other cities.

Attorney Beveridge said he is unaware if Verso filed objections in any other municipalities and is only aware of this one.

Ald. Shorr said Attorney Beveridge sounded pessimistic as to this being handled in Madison and asked him to elaborate a little more on it.

Attorney Beveridge said this is technical. He said this is market driven and is based off of the true and accurate value of the equipment. Attorney Beveridge said the same principals of an assessment of a house apply to the assessment of a manufacturing facility.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the resolution.

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

10. Ordinance Amendment – Personnel – Change personnel listing for the Police Department to no more than 49 sworn personnel including 1 Chief of Police (Section 5.04(1) (b) of the RMC).

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment regarding personnel changing the personnel listing for the Police Department to no more than 49 sworn personnel including one Chief of Police Section 5.04(1)(b) of the Revised Municipal Code.

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

11. Ordinance Amendment – Mayor Salary for the 2019-2022 Term of Office (Section 3.39 of the RMC).

Ald. Jennings said the Mayor's salary is already on the higher end and in addition the Mayor has an additional \$8,000 funding for public relations and travel expenses. She said she could see complete wages for other elected positions where a degree and experience are required. Ald. Jennings said she does not see a need for this when the City is already scraping to find money.

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to deny the ordinance amendment.

Mayor Wiza said there are no requirements for any other elected position except for the City Attorney.

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

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for the Mayor salary for the 2019-2022 term of office section 3.39 of the Revised Municipal Code.

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

12. Ordinance Amendment – Schedule of Cash Deposits – Food Vending Carts on City Property. (Section 24.27 of the RMC).

Attorney Beveridge said this is to specify the level of forfeiture to the bond schedule for violations for the licensing ordinance pertaining to food vending carts.

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for the schedule of cash deposits for food vending carts on the City Property Section 24.27 of the Revised Municipal Code.

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

13. Proposal from Ehlers Inc. for creating a Tax Incremental Finance District #10.

C/T Ladick said this is to start the process of the creation of a new TIF district in the downtown area. He said this would overlap with TIF District 6.

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the proposal from Ehlers Incorporated for creation of Tax Incremental Financing District #10.

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

14. Reconsideration on the September 17th Council action regarding Award the Stanley Street Marking Project #18-09R to Century Fence Company the epoxy base bid in the amount not to exceed \$96,900.25.

Mayor Wiza said the motion to reconsider is before Council because the City determined they could purchase their own equipment and do the work themselves for less.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to reconsider the September 17th Council action regarding awarding the Stanley Street Marking project 18-09R to Century Fence for the epoxy base bid in the amount not to exceed \$96,900.25.

Ald. Kneebone said this is a great idea and this allows another opportunity for the streets crew and saves money going forward.

Ald. Johnson said she appreciated working with Mayor Wiza and staff, and thought it was a great collaboration showing how they are focused on what is best for the City.

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

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to reject the bid Century Fence Company for \$96,900.25 and move forward with Dir. Beduh's proposal.

Ald. Phillips said he is in disagreement with buying equipment and thinks the lines will be crooked. He said professionals should be doing the long lines. Ald. Phillips said if we out sourced the work the City can do the work for \$0.15 a foot including the paint.

Ald. Jennings asked Dir. Beduhn if you can stripe a road for \$3,000.

Dir. Beduhn said \$0.15 a foot is on the low side. He said there is also the cost to remove the paint and for signs.

Mayor Wiza asked Dir. Beduhn if he reached out to the County Highway Department.

Dir. Beduhn said he did, and said there is a lot of uncertainty if they can do that for the City because it is a community of over 5,000 people.

Ald. Oberstadt asked what other projects the piece of equipment can be used for.

Mayor Wiza said any long line striping. He said the equipment will gauge your distance from the curb to ensure you do not have wavy lines.

Dir. Beduhn said the machine can do fog lines and center lines. He said the machine can be programmed to do the skips as well.

Ald. Oberstadt verified that this can be used on multiple projects within the City. She said this will save the City from sending projects out for bids that they would have had to in the past.

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

15. Request to apply for community for community development grant(s).

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve the request to apply for community for community development grants.

Ald. Dugan said she knows of two neighborhoods in her district that can benefit from these grants.

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

16. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.