

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**January 21, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**Mayor Mike Wiza, Presiding**

**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 there will be a Public Information meeting for the Sidewalk Continuation project on Wednesday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Police Department. He said at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30 there will be a Public Information meeting regarding the Whiting resurfacing project held at Ben Franklin Junior High School. Mayor Wiza said there was supposed to be a presentation last month for the bicycle and pedestrian counts and the presenter rescheduled it to this month. He said he spoke with the presenter and he said told Mayor because this is on going for a number of years and the information could be emailed. Mayor Wiza said the information has been emailed to the alder's and is posted on the City's website. He said the City has been talking internally about additional control solutions around KASH Park. Mayor Wiza said Shopko is closing and said the City is looking at options to repurpose the building. He explained other options citizens can use with Shopko closing.

**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) regarding a non-agenda item.**

Mary McComb, 2100 Elk Street, said she is speaking as a citizen who is running for re-election as 9<sup>th</sup> District Alderperson. She said she is in favor of infill development and environmental sustainability. Ms. McComb said it has been enjoyable to talk and work with people in the 9<sup>th</sup> District.

Ald. Dugan said the library activity in 2018 has increased. She said more patrons are bringing in their own devices and using the library's internet connection rather than using the library's computers. Ald. Dugan said the library had updates last year including restroom, new whiteboards, and new windows.

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

#### **5. Consent Agenda:**

- **Minutes of the Common Council meeting of December 17, 2018 and the Special Common Council meeting of January 4, 2019.**
- **Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of December 4, 2018.**
  - 3. Confirmation of Bills.
- **Actions of the Parks Board meeting of January 2, 2019.**
  - 4. Starting the process of naming new Rails to Trail.
- **Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of January 14, 2019.**
  - 2. Discussion and possible action on department claims.
  - 3. Discussion and possible actions on 2019 Capital Operations & Maintenance Plan.
  - 5. Water Supply and Distribution Operations.
  - 6. Collection System Maintenance Report.
  - 7. Sewage Treatment Operations Report.
  - 8. Storm Water Report.
- **Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of January 14, 2019.**
  - 2. Discussion and possible action on department claims.
- **Actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of January 14, 2019.**
  - 2. Approval of December 2018 Financial/Claims report.
  - 3. Request from Student Outreach Coordinator SPPSD for continued pass donation.
  - 4. Approval of revised revenue collection procedures for Paratransit services.
  - 5. Creation of a restricted fund account for the purpose of County capital.
- **Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of January 14, 2019.**
  - 1. Notice of Employee(s) Seeking Public Office.
  - 2. Amendment to Administrative Policy 3.01 (11)
- **Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of January 14, 2019.**
  - 3. To award the bid for Contract "A" for Zenoff Park Synthetic Infield Turf Improvement Project for the General Site Construction to H&H Civil Construction, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$291,896,34.
  - 4. To award the bid for Contract "B" for the Zenoff Park Synthetic Infield Turf Improvement Project for the Synthetic Turf Installation to Astro Turf in an amount not to exceed \$247,704.00.
  - 5. To award the 2019 Tree Removal Services to Tree Fella Company in the amount of \$41,395.00.
- **Minutes and Actions of the Public Protection Committee Meeting of January 14, 2019.**
  - 3. License List.
  - 4. Temporary Class "B"/ Class "B" License (Picnic).
  - 5. Change of Agent.
  - 6. Pawnbroker/Secondhand Jewelry Dealer (Renewals).

**7. Requests to Hold Events.**

- **Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of January 14, 2019.**
- **2. Approval of Claims Paid.**
- **Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.**
- **Consideration of Mayoral appointments.**

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the consent agenda with the license list under the Public Protection Committee pulled for further discussion.

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

Attorney Beveridge said at the Public Protection Committee meeting there was an appeal on a recommended denial of an operator's license, in which the appeal was denied at committee. He said since the meeting there has been internal discussion and he is recommending Council grant the license. Attorney Beveridge said the conviction the appellant has, is not within the list of exempt offenses and does not relate to circumstances of ordinance.

Mayor Wiza said the City policy did not include the law change from September of 2017 and said they have already changed the City's policy in order to comply.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to grant the appeal of Bonnie Jean Jezeski.

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

**6. Resolution – Designating May 11, 2019 as World Migratory Bird Day.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the World Migratory Bird Day Resolution.

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

**7. Ordinance Amendment –Traffic- 9.02 “15 Miles per hour speed limit” near Mead Park KASH Playground, and 9.05 – No Parking Brawley St, Reserve St and Phillips St.**

Ald. Jennings asked Dir. Beduhn to discuss how the street design is exacerbating these issues.

Dir. Beduhn said the City is not making any major changes to the street at this time and said the speed bumps will be a good start. He said City staff is looking at options, and said one of which is narrowing the streets.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for traffic 9.02 "15 Miles per hour speed limit" near Mead Park KASH Playground, and 9.05 No Parking Brawley St, Reserve St and Phillips St as outlined.

Ald. Shorr said Portage Street is not listed in the agenda item.

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

**8. Ordinance Amendment – Zoning – 23.01 (14) Parking lot and driveway surfacing for specific uses and zoning districts.**

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the zoning ordinance.

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

**9. Ordinance Amendment – Subdivision Control– 20.02(1) Maximum number of parcels allowed to be created via Certified Survey Map for commercial, multi-family, or industrial zoned properties.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for subdivision control 20.02(1), maximum number of parcels allowed to be created via certified survey map for commercial, multi-family, or industrial zoned properties.

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

**10. Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – 2419 North Point Drive- Construct Restrooms, Pavilion, and Parking Lot Expansion at the Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center (Parcel ID's 281240828200005, 281240828220006 & 281240828210001).**

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the conditional use permit for 2419 North Point Drive to construct restrooms, pavilion, and lot expansion at the Schmeckle Reserve.

Ald. Morrow said this is in his district and there is a big need for this.

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

**11. Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – 925 Second Street – Expand Tavern (Parcel ID's 281240829303108 & 281240829303107).**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the resolution for a conditional use permit to expand a tavern at 925 Second Street.

Ald. Jennings asked Dir. Ostrowski if the façade features and details will be determined by the Inspection office and comply with the historic district.

Dir. Ostrowski said condition number eight in the resolution states that the owner has to find and use a similar brick. He said the owner does not need to comply with historic standards.

Ald. Nebel asked if there is a recommendation for putting something up at the neighbor's house.

Dir. Ostrowski replied yes, and said that was covered in number 11 of the resolution.

Ald. Dugan asked if they started construction before they getting a permit.

Dir. Ostrowski said yes, and that they received the standard double fine. He said they immediately stopped as soon as they were notified.

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

**12. Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – 3017 Business Park Drive & 5500 Clem's Way – Construct an addition to their facility within wellhead protection overlay district (Parcel ID's 281230802100107, 281230802100303 & 281230802100105).**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the resolution for a conditional use permit at 3017 Business Park Drive and 5500 Clem's Way to construct an addition to their facility within wellhead protection overlay district.

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

**13. Resolution – Authorization to apply for WEC CDI Grant for 1017 Third Street.**

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the resolution authorizing the City to apply for WEC CDI grant for 1017 Third Street.

Ald. Johnson asked Mayor Wiza if he could explain what the acronyms.

Mayor Wiza said WEC is Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEC) and CDI is Community Development Investment.

Ald. Phillips asked if there is a dollar amount involved with this.

Dir. Ostrowski said the maximum is \$250,000 and the match component will come with the project on the Lullaby Site.

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

**14. Extraterritorial subdivision plat review for a new subdivision (Hidden Brook) located at 1108 Woodview Drive, Town of Hull (County Parcel ID 0202408817-08).**

Dir. Ostrowski said this is a separate agenda item because the recommendation from staff to extend the right of way was accepted and changed.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the extraterritorial subdivision plat review for a new subdivision called Hidden Brook located at 1108 Woodview Drive in the Town of Hull.

Ald. Morrow asked if the plat is further north since the original discussion.

Dir. Ostrowski said this relates to the wetlands not being included in the buildable area. He said there were concerns so an additional right of way was added to go around the wetland area.

Ald. Dugan said she is happy they complied to the right of way interest. She said in good conscience she cannot vote in favor of a subdivision near wetlands.

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

**15. Development Agreement - TDS Metrocom, LLC for extension of commercial fiber optic network.**

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the development agreement with TDS LLC for the extension of commercial fiber optic network.

Ald. Dugan asked if someone can explain this for all City of Stevens Point residents.

Mayor Wiza said the contract states that it is City wide and none of the fees will be returned until the fiber optic network is throughout the City.

Ald. Dugan said her constituent was worried that the cable needed to be put under sidewalks and said there are not a lot of sidewalks in the 8<sup>th</sup> District.

Mayor Wiza said most of the infrastructure will be sub-surface, below the city's right of way and said some of it will be above ground.

Ald. Morrow said he has heard of a lot of people saying they are excited for this.

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

**16. Discussion and possible action on a procedure to address anticipated District Four Common Council Vacancy.**

Mayor Wiza said Ald. Oberstadt is resigning from her position effective April 30<sup>th</sup>. He said Council has a couple of options: do nothing, appoint a replacement until a special November election, or appoint until the election in April of 2020 when the seat would have come up originally.

Ald. Oberstadt said she set her resignation date out 90 days so Council could make a decision and the public could come forward if interested. She said she waited because it will make things easier for the Council to appoint someone rather than having a special election.

Ald. Johnson thanked Ald. Oberstadt for her consideration in the timing of her resignation. She said she is in favor of appointing someone rather than having a special election.

Ald. Morrow said he is in favor of appointing someone.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to appoint someone to the vacancy in the fourth district until April 2020.

Ald. Shorr confirmed that there would be an election in 2020 for the 4<sup>th</sup> District regardless if there is a special election or not.

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

Mayor Wiza reminded the Alders about open meetings laws.

**17. Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.