

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**March 18, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Mike Wiza, Presiding

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

EXCUSED: Ald. Nebel.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Clerk Piotrowski, Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, Police Chief Skibba, Fire Chief Finn, Dir. Schrader, Dir. Lemke, Community Development Specialist Kearns, Marissa Loew, Joe Bachman – Portage County Gazette.

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

Mayor Wiza said Parks Director Tom Schrader is retiring and they are working on finding a new Director. He thanked City staff and City residents for their help with the flooding issues. Mayor Wiza said if anyone had flooding at their home or business they should document and take pictures of the damage and submit it to their insurance. He said residents should also call 211 and let them know about the damage.

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 regarding a non-agenda item.

As no one wished to speak, Mayor Wiza moved onto the next agenda item.

5. Presentations to the Mayor and Council: Bob Weinart and James Williams, Portage County Emergency Management: Introduction and Overview of County Emergency Management.

Mr. Weinart said he is the Emergency Management Director and that he and his Deputy, James Williams were hired to help rebuild the program. He said they are there to help and support all the municipalities in the County with resources, information, advice, etc. Mr. Weinart said they are currently helping support towns with flood aide. He said sandbags are available at the Portage County Highway Department.

James Williams said part of their jobs are based off of grants. He said one of the grants is the Emergency Performance Management grant, which includes a plan of work they develop with the state. Mr. Williams said they also work a lot with the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act. He thanked the City of Stevens Point for helping out their neighbors during the flood. Mr. Williams said he can be reached by phone at 907-346-1397, or email: williaja@co.portage.wi.us. He said anyone in Portage County who needs sand or sand bags can go to the Highway Department.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

- **Minutes of the Common Council meeting of February 18, 2019 and the Special Common Council meeting of March 11, 2019.**
- **Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of February 05, 2019.**
 - 4. **Confirmation of Bills.**
- **Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of March 4, 2019.**
 - 3. **Request from Rettler Corporation, representing Holy Spirit Parish, for a reduced setback to construct an addition to the Church at 838 Fremont Street (Parcel ID # 281240828300801).**
 - 4. **Request from Rettler Corporation, representing Holy Spirit Parish, for an Alternative Parking Plan at 838 Fremont Street (Parcel ID # 281240828300801).**
 - 6. **Request from the City of Stevens Point to accept conveyance of property from Joan M Zurawski at the east end of East Maria Drive, east of Green Avenue (Parcel ID #'s 281240827240321 and 020240827-08.20).**
 - 7. **Request from the City of Stevens Point to accept donation of land from Valley Communities Credit Union along Henrietta Street (Parcel ID #'s 281230805101317 and 281230805101316).**
- **Actions of the Park Commission of March 6, 2019.**
 - 3. **Request to change policy and allow non-refundable lodge deposit to be returned.**
 - 4. **Request to create Fence Art on the fence in Emerson Park (Friends of Emerson Park)**
 - 5. **Naming of former CN abandoned rail line (Rail to Trail project).**
- **Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of March 11, 2019.**
 - 2. **Discussion and possible action on department claims.**
 - 4. **Report on Water distribution and supply operations.**
 - 5. **Report on Collection System Maintenance.**
 - 6. **Report on Sewage Treatment Operations.**
 - 7. **Report on Stormwater/ CAN operations.**
- **Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of March 11, 2019.**
 - 1. **Discussion and possible action on department claims.**
 - 2. **Discussion and possible action on HVAC improvements at the Community hangar.**
- **Actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of March 11, 2019.**
 - 1. **Approval of minutes from February 2019 financial/claims report.**
 - 2. **Transportation facility HVAC project.**
 - 3. **Youth Ride Free program during the 2019 summer break.**
- **Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of March 11, 2019.**

2. To award the Reserve Street Reconstruction Project #19-01 to Jake's Excavating & Landscaping LLC of Ironwood, Michigan in the amount not to exceed \$758,711.73.
 3. To award the 2019 Pavement Maintenance Project #19-04 to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$389,357.51.
 4. To award the North Side Reconstruction Project #19-07 to A-1 Excavating, Inc. of Bloomer, Wisconsin in the amount not to exceed \$3,458,930.21.
- **Minutes and Actions of the Public Protection Committee Meeting of March 11, 2019.**
 1. License List.
 2. Temporary Class "B"/ Class "B" License (Picnic).
 3. Change of Agent.
 4. Pawnbroker/Secondhand Jewelry Dealer License.
 5. Requests to Hold Events.
 6. Bee Keeping License.
 - **Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of March 11, 2019.**
 1. Approval of claims paid.
 - **Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.**

Ald. Kneebone said there are two changes in the permit application: Neighborhood Services Officer was changed to Neighborhood Improvement Officer, and item number 7 was changed from "... notifies all residents of the property..." to "... notifies all residents of abutting properties..."

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, said she would like to withdraw Reid Rocheleau's name for nomination. She said when she submitted his name for nomination she was unaware that he was not in support of the Green Circle Trail.

Jeff Vaughter, 418 Cedar Street W., Whiting, said he was pleased with how the City publicized and asked for public input with naming of the trail. He said he was disappointed that a notice was not given for when or where people can speak in favor of the name they submitted. Mr. Vaughter said at the Parks Meeting there was no debate on any of the 18 of the 19 names submitted. He said the Parks and Rec committee then unanimously recommend their support on a name in which two City officials spoke in support of. Mr. Vaughter said he has no problem with naming the trail after Tom Schrader, and said his problem was that people took the time to submit names for the trail and should have been notified of the meeting. He asked Council to post pone action of accepting the Parks and Rec Commission's recommendation until the next Council meeting so they can watch the Parks and Rec meeting.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the consent agenda with item regarding the bee keeping policy pulled for further discussion.

Ald. Oberstadt said she knows the individuals on the Parks board read through the submissions and there was no discussions prior to the meeting.

Ald. Johnson asked Dir. Schrader to read the 19 names.

Dir. Schrader read the 19 names that were submitted.

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

Ald. Phillips said he wanted this to be voted on separately so then the constituents can see if their alderperson is representing them with having bee hives three feet from the property line. He requested this be a roll call vote.

Ald. Kneebone said the wording says hives should be no closer than three feet. She said the hives have to be 25 feet from a building on an abutting lot.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the bee keeping permit.

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

7. Strategic Plan Request for Proposals.

Ald. Phillips asked if the City has a cost estimate for this.

Community Development Specialist Kearns replied no.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the strategic plan request for proposals.

Ald. Johnson thanked the Community Development staff for working on this and appreciated the opportunity to proof the request.

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

8. Ordinance Amendment –Traffic- 9.05 (j) regarding parking restriction on Peck Street at the intersection with Michigan Ave.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment regarding traffic, section 9.05 (j) regarding parking restrictions on Pecks Street at the intersection with Michigan Avenue.

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

9. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.