

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers
County-City Building

July 19, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Andrew J. Halverson, presiding

Roll Call: Present: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, O’Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore

Also Present: City Attorney Molepske, Clerk Moe, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, Directors Schrader, Halverson, Lemke, Ostrowski; Police Chief Ruder, Adm. Director Morris, Assessor Siebers, Assistant to the Mayor Pazdernik, Kari Yenter, Matt Brown (Portage County Gazette), B. C. Kowalski (Stevens Point Journal)

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

Mayor Halverson stated the City of Stevens Point was awarded the nation’s best-tasting tap water award. He congratulated everyone for their efforts and hard work.

3. Consideration of the minutes of the Common Council meeting of June 21, 2010.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the minutes and actions and place them on file.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

4. *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.

Katie Kloth, 753 Franklin Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:
Item # 5 – Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar W, Whiting, WI:

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Item #16 – Public Protection Committee meeting of July 12, 2010

Thomas Haulfmann, 5316 Carol's Lane, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

Item #13 – Developers Agreement for Carol's Lane

Sadie Pechinski, 1528 Larry's Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

Item #16 – Public Protection Committee meeting of July 12, 2010

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Earl Drefcinski, 456 Bukolt Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Ald. Wiza, Fourth District:

Item #5 – Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

5. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.

Katie Kloth, 753 Franklin Street, said the farmers did not have enough input with the redesigning of the downtown square. She said additional shaded areas are needed. Ms. Kloth also stated the City's web-site should be available in more languages.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., said the dog park is now open. He voiced his concerns that there is not a sign recognizing the City of Stevens Point at the park.

Ald. Wiza publically thanked Director Schrader, staff and all of the volunteers for another successful Riverfront Rendezvous.

6. Update on Police and Fire Commission Strategic Vision Plan and Community Survey Impact.

President Schleih's gave a brief introduction of the survey that was taken.

Adm. Director Morris reviewed the long-term objectives achieved in 2008 and 2009 and the long-term objectives for 2010 and 2011.

Chief Ruder reviewed the Stevens Point Police Department Strategic Direction. He said the issues being addressed are police presence, community awareness,

safety concerns in the downtown area and professional image with the younger population.

Adm. Director Morris reviewed the Strategic Direction for the Stevens Point Fire Department.

Ald. Trzebiatowski would like a brief list of police calls so the alderpersons know what the police department is doing for their constituents.

Adm. Director Morris said they will work on it.

Ald. Wiza asked if there was anything shocking in the survey results.

President Schleihs said the overall results showed that most citizens are satisfied with the service and most of the people use the newspaper as their source for information.

7. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Special Plan Commission meeting of July 12, 2010.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to accept the minutes and affirm the actions.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

8. Public Hearing – Amending Conditional Use – Operate a Tavern at 912 Main St. – Graffiti’s Sports Pub – to include sidewalk café.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

9. Consideration of Resolution on the above.

Ald. Mallison **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, approval of the resolution.

Ald. O’Meara has concerns with the current businesses not cleaning up their outside areas.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O’Meara, Suomi, Mallison.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Public Hearing – Conditional Use – Operate a Tavern at 1140 Main St. with a sidewalk café – Guu’s on Main.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

11. Consideration of Resolution on the above.

Ald. Brooks **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to adopt the resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, O’Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of July 12, and the Special Finance Committee meeting of July 19, 2010.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, to place the minutes on file and affirm the actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of July 12, and the Special Finance Committee meeting of July 19, 2010.

Clerk Moe read the minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting of July 19, 2010.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O’Meara, Suomi, Mallison.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Consideration of Developers Agreement – Carols Lane Duplexes – TID #8.

Thomas Haulfmann, 5316 Carol’s Lane, is disappointed that the Developers Agreement was not available for the public to view.

Ald. Molski **moved**, Ald. Mallison seconded, approval of the Developers Agreement.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, O’Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of July 12, and the Special Board of Public Works meeting of July 19, 2010.

Clerk Moe read the minutes of the Special Board of Public Works meeting of July 19, 2010.

Ald. Brooks moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, to accept the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of July 12, and the Special Board of Public Works meeting of July 19, 2010.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Mallison.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

15. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment – Create Sect. 9.05(h) 20 of the RMC – No Parking on a Section of Ellis St.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the ordinance amendment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of July 12, 2010.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of July 12, 2010, with items #2B and #2F pulled for further discussion.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to approve the manager's license for Sean Oliver Shopinski.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

Sadie Pechinski, 1528 Larry's Drive, said she received an ordinance violation while tending bar. She said this was her first violation in the six years that she has

been working at Joe's Bar. Ms. Pechinski does not feel the severity of the violation warrants the seizure of her livelihood.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., voiced his concerns on holding bartenders to higher standards than others.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, voiced her concerns on the standards set for bartenders.

Ald. Trzebiatowski stated the Council received an email from Chief Ruder regarding the evening that the violation took place. He said there were three people in the bar and the music was playing loudly. The alderman noted that Ms. Pechinski was already warned in the past.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, to deny Sadie Pechinski's request for a bartender license.

Ald. R. Stroik read a letter submitted to him by Tim Sullivan supporting the request for a bartender license for Sadie Pechinski. The alderman is torn on this issue due to timing and a technicality in the standards.

Ald. Wiza said the guidelines are not equitable.

Ald. Mallison agrees the guidelines need to be reviewed; however, the current rules need to be enforced.

Ald. Brooks asked if the violation could have been placed onto the bar owner.

Chief Ruder said the violation would go to the manager or licensed bartender on the premise at the time of the violation.

Sadie Pechinski said in the past, bar owners have been issued violations.

City Attorney Molepske said the police officer has the option to cite the bartender or the owner. He reviewed different instances where the bartender could be cited and instances where the owner was cited.

Adm. Director Morris said at the request of the Tavern League, the bartender is now being cited. He noted that Ms. Pechinski can still work with another licensed bartender.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said Ms. Pechinski did not take full responsibility by not telling the Council the entire situation of her violation.

Ald. Wiza reiterated that the guidelines need to be reviewed.

Roll Call: Ayes majority.
Nays minority.

Ald. Wiza asked for a roll call vote and stated that he would need to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, O'Meara, M. Stroik, Slowinski,
Trzebiatowski, Brooks.
Nays: Ald. Molski, R. Stroik, Moore.
Ayes – 7. Nays – 3. Ald. Wiza abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Halverson returned to this issue after having no objections from the Council:

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the denial of Kaylyn Ronk's license.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

17. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meetings of July 12 and July 13, 2010.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, to place the minutes on file and affirm the actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meetings of July 12 and July 13, 2010.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Mallison.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

18. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment – Renumbering Sections 6.06, 6.07, 6.08 and 5.05 of the RMC to Sections 24.46, 24.47, 24.48 and 24.49.

Ald. R. Stroik asked for a point of order regarding item #2F of the Public Protection Committee meeting that still needs to be acted on regarding Kaylyn Ronk's license.

Mayor Halverson asked if there were any objections to move back to item #16 – Public Protection Committee #2F to deal with the rejection of Kaylyn Ronk's license. There were no objections so the Mayor returned to item #16 of the Council agenda.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to adopt the ordinance amendment relating to renumbering.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

19. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of July 12, 2010.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to place the minutes on file and the actions affirmed of the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Mallison.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Consideration of the Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Ald. Molski **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, to accept the report and place it on file.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

21. Mayoral Appointment of the Director of Public Works.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, confirmation of the Mayoral appointment of Joel Lemke as the Director of Public Works.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked if Director Lemke lives in the City.

Mayor Halverson replied yes.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

22. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 8:19 p.m.