

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers
County-City Building

October 18, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Andrew J. Halverson, presiding

Roll Call: Present: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski,
Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore
Excused: Ald. O'Meara
Also
Present: City Attorney Molepske, Clerk Moe, Directors Schrader,
Halverson, Lemke, Ostrowski; Lt. Carlson, Assessor
Siebers, Assistant to the Mayor Pazdernik, Kari Yenter,
Personnel Manager Jakusz (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Matt
Brown (Portage County Gazette), B. C. Kowalski
(Stevens Point Journal)

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

Mayor Halverson led the salute to the flag.

3. Consideration of the minutes of the Common Council meeting of September 20, and the Special Joint Common Council / Community Development Authority meeting of September 7, 2010.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the minutes 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.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., Whiting:
Item #5 – Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
Item #9 – Ordinance – Mayor's annual salary
Item #10 – Ordinance – Alderpersons annual salary

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

Louis Molepske Jr., 1800 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:
Item #5 – Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:
Item #11 – Board of Public Works meeting of October 11, 2010

Ald. Slowinski, 6th District:
Item #5 – Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

Ald. Trzebiatowski, 7th District:
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Ald. Suomi, 2nd District:
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5. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., said he is disappointed that there is still not a sign recognizing the City of Stevens Point at the dog park. He also voiced his concerns on the amount of money being wasted to send numerous City officials to out of state emergency training.

Katie Kloth, 753 Franklin Street, recited an inspirational quote.

Ald. Slowinski stated there will be a McDill Lake District meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 26, 2010 at Ben Franklin Junior High School.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said he attended identity theft and alcohol licensing training at the League of Municipalities meeting.

Ald. Suomi thanked Mayor Halverson and Representative Molepske for supporting National Walk to School Day. She also thanked Director Lemke for implementing two safety measures in her district. The alderperson announced that the Old Main Neighborhood Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on October 20, 2010 at the Old Main Building.

Rep. Louis Molepske Jr., 1800 Main Street, appreciates working with the City Council. He said he supports economic development and creation of jobs.

6. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of October 11, 2010.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of October 11, 2010, with item #2E pulled for review.

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

Ald. R. Stroik said the reason for Jonathon Sankey's rejection is because he is currently on probation for felony burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to reject the operator's license application for Jonathon Sankey.

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

7. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of October 11, 2010.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, to place the minutes on file and affirm the actions of the Finance Committee.

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

8. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of October 11, 2010.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, approval of the minutes.

Ald. Moore noted a typo in item #4 of the minutes. He said it should be Ald. Moore "moved" to approve instead of voted.

Roll Call: Ayes majority.
Nays minority. Motion carried.

9. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment – Sect. 3.39 of the RMC – Mayor Annual Salary.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., said the wage is an insult to the person holding the position of Mayor. He said the Mayor should be the top paid employee of the City.

Ald. Brooks supports the pay increase for the Mayor. He said the wage for Mayor has only increased by \$360.00 since 2007.

Ald. Brooks **moved**, Ald. Mallison seconded, to approve the ordinance amending the Mayor's salary to \$65,000.

Ald. Mallison said it is unfortunate that the Mayor's salary was not raised during better economic times.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, M. Stroik, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
 Nays: Ald. Suomi, Wiza, Slowinski
 Ayes – 7. Nays – 3. Motion failed.

Mayor Halverson said there would need to be nine affirmative votes in order for the ordinance amendment to pass.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if the wage remains frozen for the next four years.

Mayor Halverson said the last ordinance has set the wage at \$62,396 so that would continue to progress because the ordinance has not been changed.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if a new option could be presented.

Mayor Halverson said the ordinance amendment as presented has failed. He said if another ordinance amendment comes forward then that salary would be considered.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if a new motion could be presented this evening.

City Attorney Molepske said it could if someone who voted in the negative wishes to reconsider.

Mayor Halverson said someone who voted no would have to ask for reconsideration.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if a new motion can be presented.

Mayor Halverson replied no.

Ald. Brooks asked if this issue could be discussed at any point. He asked if it could be requested for next month.

Mayor Halverson said the Mayoral salary is set for a term. He said the ordinance has to be crafted to set the salary prior to the term of office. The Mayor said it will need to be re-presented next month in order to set the salary for the next term.

Ald. Suomi **moved**, Ald. Mallison seconded, to reconsider the ordinance amendment.

Ald. Brooks asked if Ald. Suomi would state why she voted for reconsideration.

Ald. Suomi said the position should be at a higher salary.

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

Ald. Brooks **moved**, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, approval of changing the ordinance for the Mayor's salary to \$65,000 for the next term.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, M. Stroik, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
Nays: Ald. Wiza, Slowinski.
Ayes – 8. Nays – 2. Motion failed.

10. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment – Sect. 3.39 of the RMC – Alderpersons Annual Salary.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, to deny the ordinance amendment.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., opposes the pay increase for the alderpersons. He said they are already overpaid for the amount of work that they perform.

Ald. Mallison said he is fine with the current salary for alderpersons. He said he supports providing computers for the alderpersons to save costs on paper, postage and staff time.

Ald. Trzebiatowski noted the alderpersons use their own vehicles, computers and phones. He said the alderpersons have not had a wage increase since 2005.

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

11. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of October 11, 2010.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, supports funding for the redevelopment of the Market Square.

Ald. Mallison **moved**, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to approve the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of October 11, 2010.

Ald. Moore said this is not the appropriate time or use of money for the redevelopment project.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks.
Nays: Ald. Wiza, Moore.
Ayes – 8. Nays – 2. Motion carried.

12. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment – Traffic – Placement of stop signs for westbound traffic on Mary's Drive at Country Club Dr and westbound traffic on Hummingbird Lane at Finch Ln.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, to adopt the ordinance amendment.

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

13. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meetings of September 21, and October 5, 2010.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the minutes.

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

14. Consideration of Ordinance Amendments – Renumbering a portion of Ch. 3 – Officials, Boards, Employees of the RMC.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to adopt the ordinance amendments.

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

15. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of October 11, 2010.

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

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

16. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Transportation Commission meeting of October 13, 2010.

Ald. M. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Wiza seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Transportation Commission meeting of October 13, 2010.

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

***17. Motions to enter into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Section 19.85(1)(e) & 19.85(1)(g) on the following items: conferring with legal counsel with respect to Dial-CenterPoint / Burkhardt, et al litigation and deliberating the purchasing and selling of public properties.**

Ald. Trzebiatowski **moved**, Ald. Molski seconded, to adjourn into closed session at 7:54 p.m.

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

18. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 8:34 p.m.