

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers  
County-City Building

November 15, 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, 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 there will be a Special Common Council meeting on December 6, 2010, for an expansion at the Brewery. He said renovations and developments continue to develop on the south side of the City. The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### 3. Consideration of the minutes of the Common Council meeting on October 18, and the Special Common Council meetings of September 24, November 4 and 8, 2010.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Molski seconded, approval of the minutes and actions of all four of the meetings.

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.

Colin Bares, 635 Franklin Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:  
Item #5 – Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

Katie Kloth, 753 Franklin Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:  
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Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:  
Item #15 – Ordinance amending Mayor’s annual salary

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, Whiting:  
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Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:  
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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.**

Colin Bares, 635 Franklin Street, said a proposal for a community center was submitted to utilize the former Eagle Plumbing and Heating building.

Katie Kloth, 753 Franklin Street, stated there is a new proposal for the Eagle Plumbing building in which numerous downtown business owners support. She opposes the demolition of the building.

**6. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Plan Commission meeting of November 1, 2010.**

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the minutes.

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

**7. Public Hearing – Conditional Use – 1141-1157 Main St. – Construct a 4-bedroom apartment unit on the second floor and have off-site parking for the unit.**

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

**8. Consideration of Resolution on the above.**

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

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

9. **Public Hearing – Conditional Use – 409 Bukolt Ave. – Construct a screened in porch using “R-TND” Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District minimum setback requirements.**

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

10. **Consideration of Resolution on the above.**

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Moore 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.

11. **Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of November 8, 2010.**

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, approval of the minutes and actions.

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

12. **Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of November 8, 2010.**

Ald. Mallison **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval of the minutes and affirm the actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of November 8, 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 Ordinance Amendment – Renumbering sections in Ch. 9 (Traffic) of the RMC.**

Ald. Trzebiatowski **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, to adopt 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.

**14. Consideration of minutes taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of November 8, 2010.**

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, approval the minutes and place them on file.

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

**15. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment – Sect. 3.39 of the RMC – Mayor’s Annual Salary.**

Mayor Halverson explained this item will require  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the Council to pass and he will allow up to three separate votes to reach a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote. He said if an agreement is not reached, the ordinance will move forward until it is changed by the Council at a future time.

Ald. Slowinski asked if the ordinance can be amended.

Mayor Halverson said the Council can vote on the proposal or it can be amended.

Ald. R. Stroik noted it will take nine votes in order for the ordinance to be adopted.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, said the Mayor is underpaid. She said people must be willing to give up their jobs to run for Mayor so they should be compensated for it.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, said the pay for Mayor is not enough. He noted that you pay for what you get.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, supports an increase to the mayoral salary. She said the pay should be based on the merit of the position not the person.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, to approve the annual salary for the office of Mayor for a term commencing on April 19, 2011, shall be \$65,000.

The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Ald. Slowinski said the Mayor is an important position and he agrees with an increase to the salary. He said he compared salaries with other communities with comparable populations and the salary for our Mayor is low.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Suomi seconded, to set the Mayor's salary at \$75,000 for the first year and a 2% raise for the following three years for a four year ordinance.

Ald. Suomi is pleased with the motion.

Ald. Trzebiatowski agrees the salary should be higher; however, this is not the appropriate time to increase the wage during these hard economic times.

Ald. R. Stroik said the salary would be \$75,000 for the first year, the second year would be \$76,500, year three would be \$78,030 and the last year of the term would be \$79,590.

Roll Call:     Ayes: Ald. Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, O'Meara, Suomi, Mallison.  
                  Nays: Ald. Moore, Trzebiatowski, Wiza.  
                  Ayes – 8. Nays – 3. Motion failed.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if the alderpersons who voted no would share why they did not approve of the increase.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said the proposed increase is too much during these economic conditions.

Ald. Brooks asked if the alderperson would discuss what would be an agreeable salary.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said he would agree with a salary between \$65,000 and \$70,000.

Ald. Mallison **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, to set the salary at \$67,000 for the year starting April 19, 2011, increase it by \$1,000 through the remainder of the term to reach \$70,000 at the end.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if they would reconsider a flat wage of \$75,000.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to amend the previous motion to set the salary at \$75,000 for the course of four years.

Ald. Brooks asked if nine votes are needed for the amendment to pass.

Mayor Halverson stated just a simple majority is needed for the amendment.

The following is the vote on the amendment:

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Suomi, O'Meara, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks.  
Nays: Ald. Mallison, Wiza, Trzebiatowski, Moore.  
Ayes – 7. Nays – 4. Motion carried.

The following is the vote to set the salary at \$75,000 for a four year period of time:

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, O'Meara, Suomi, Mallison.  
Nays: Ald. Moore, Trzebiatowski, Wiza.  
Ayes – 8. Nays – 3. Motion failed.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, to raise the salary to \$70,000 for the next four years with no increases.

Ald. Mallison **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to make the amendment to set the Mayoral salary at \$67,000 for the first year and increase by \$1,000 increments for the three years following to start at \$67,000 and end at \$70,000 for year four.

Ald. Slowinski said he does not agree with the amount of the increase but he will vote to support it.

Ald. Suomi said she will vote to support the increase but she feels it still needs to be addressed.

Mayor Halverson mentioned there are other possibilities such as making the Mayor part-time and hiring a full-time administrator.

The following is the vote on the amendment:

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

The following is the vote on setting the salary:

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, O'Meara, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks.  
Nays: Ald. Wiza, Moore.  
Ayes – 9. Nays – 2. Motion carried.

#### **16. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of November 3, 2010.**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the meeting.

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

**17. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of November 8, 2010.**

Ald. M. Stroik moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to place the minutes on file and affirm the actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting.

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 minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meetings of October 19, November 2 and November 10, 2010.**

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

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

**19. Consideration of the Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.**

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to accept the report and place it on file.

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

**20. Consideration of Mayoral Appointment:  
Police and Fire Commission –  
Mark Nook, 2308 Eagle Summit (Unexpired Term of Rice Jr. 4-30-13)**

Ald. Mallison moved, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the appointment.

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

**21. Adjournment.**

Adjournment at 7:47 p.m.