

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers
County-City Building

February 15, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Andrew J. Halverson, presiding

Roll Call: Present: Ald. Mallison, Walther, 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, Morrissey, Lemke, Morris; Assessor Siebers, Assistant to the Mayor Pazdernik, Kari Yenter, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Meredith Thorn (Stevens Point Journal)

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

Mayor Halverson addressed a number of initiatives that the City would like to move forward with such as street lighting, parking and downtown revitalization. He noted that the ordinance proposing a one-way on Franklin Street has not been placed on the agenda. The Mayor decided to postpone action to allow time for further study. He said February is proclaimed as League of Women Voters month and read a proclamation. The Mayor said the Sustainability Coordinator continues to work on establishing a baseline of energy usage in the City of Stevens Point.

3. Consideration of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of January 18, 2010.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the regular Common Council minutes of January 18, 2010.

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.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:
Item #5 – Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
Item #18 – Board of Public Works meeting of February 8, 2010
Item #21 – Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of February 8, 2010

Item #22 – Police and Fire Commission meeting of February 9, 2010
Item #26 – Mayoral Appointments

Katie Kloth, 1718 A Plover Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:
Item # 5 – Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, Whiting:
Item #5 – Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
Item #6 – Plan Commission meeting of February 1, 2010
Item #18 – Board of Public Works meeting of February 8, 2010
Item #20 – Board of Park Commissioners meeting of February 3, 2010

James Glodowski, 2908 Cleveland Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481:
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Jim Gifford, 2421 Rainbow Drive, Plover, WI 54467:
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Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:
Item #19 – Preliminary Resolution-Replacement of clay sanitary sewer laterals and/or galvanized water services on Water Street

Colleen Kiefer, 635 Franklin Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:
Item #20 – Board of Park Commissioners meeting of February 3, 2010

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

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, commended the Mayor and Council for their efforts focusing on the downtown. She is also pleased that the City is continuing to focus on sustainability. Ms. Dugan asked what is the purpose of the Census Committee.

Clerk Moe said the Census Committee was set up late last year by the request of the federal government to help with public relations so the public is aware of the upcoming census. He said the next meeting is this Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the City Conference Room.

Mayor Halverson said the Census Committee has seven members.

Katie Kloth, 1718 A Plover Street, is interested in seeing the former Lullaby property used as productive urban community farm land.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, voiced his concerns on how the 60-day comment period for the naming of the dog park was published. He also voiced his concerns on the naming of the dog park.

Jim Glodowski, 2908 Cleveland Avenue, does not feel the one-way on Cleveland Avenue is working.

Jim Gifford, 2421 Rainbow Drive, stated he is a candidate for County Executive. He gave a brief description of his background. Mr. Gifford said the County and City need to communicate and cooperate more with each other.

Clerk Moe reminded everyone of the primary election being held tomorrow. He stated the offices of Court of Appeals, County Executive and School Board members are on the ballot.

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

Ald. Brooks moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, to accept the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Plan Commission meeting of February 1, 2010.

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

7. Public Hearing – Ordinance Amendment – Zoning – Classify 404 Wood Lane as “R-2” Single Family.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

8. Ordinance Amendment – Annexation – 404 Wood Ln.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, approval of the annexation of 404 Wood Lane.

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

9. Public Hearing – Conditional Use – 2141 Jefferson St. – Request to Construct a Single Family Residence Using Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District Setbacks.

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. Slowinski moved, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, approval of the resolution.

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

11. Public Hearing – Ordinance Amendment – Zoning – Classify 120 Second St. North as “R-2” Single Family.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Megan Christie, 120 Second Street North, is not sure how her property was zoned commercial. She said she does not know how she was able to get a residential loan if the property was zoned commercial.

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

12. Consideration of the Ordinance Amendment on the above.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval of the rezoning of 120 Second Street North to “R-2” Single Family.

Ald. Wiza explained there were a lot of properties in this area that were not originally zoned residential.

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

13. Public Hearing – Ordinance Amendment – Zoning – Classify 128 Second St. North as “R-2” Single Family.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Anello Mollica, prospective buyer of 128 Second St. North, stated the property needs to be rezoned in order for him to get a loan to purchase the property.

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

14. Consideration of the Ordinance Amendment on the above.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. O'Meara seconded, approval of the rezoning of 128 Second Street North to “R-2” Single Family.

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

15. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of February 8, 2010.

Ald. Brooks **moved**, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to accept the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of February 8, 2010.

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

16. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of February 8, 2010.

Ald. Molski **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of February 8, 2010.

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

17. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of February 8, 2010.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Walther seconded, to affirm the actions and place the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of February 8, 2010 on file.

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

18. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of February 8, 2010.

Mayor Halverson noted that a vote was taken and cast in the affirmative for agenda item #2 at the Board of Public Works meeting.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, declined her opportunity to speak.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, voiced his concerns on the naming of the dog park and exercise and socialization area.

Ald. Slowinski questioned the layout of the disk golf course as he does not see a hole #4.

Mayor Halverson said the road that is currently there will not be disrupted.

Director Lemke said hole #4 may not yet be determined.

Ald. Slowinski has safety concerns with the weed harvester and people walking on the steep hill and sandy areas.

Director Schrader said this course is almost exactly the same as the old course that was there.

Ald. Walther said the vote for the second motion under item #5 of the Board of Public Works meeting was listed as ayes-6 and nays-1. He said he would like it noted that he did abstain from this vote.

Mayor Halverson said he will make sure the minutes reflect his abstention.

Ald. Brooks **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, to accept the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Walther, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Trzebiatowski,
Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
Nays: Ald. Slowinski.
Ayes – 10. Nays – 1. Motion carried.

19. Preliminary Resolution – Replacement of Clay Sanitary Sewer Laterals and/or Galvanized Water Services on Water St. from Whiting Ave. to Wisconsin St.

Mayor Halverson said this is the preliminary resolution. He said the estimates will be as close as possible and they will be finalized once the final resolution is adopted.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, said the residents on Water Street are concerned how they will pay for these assessments. She said a lot of them are on fixed incomes or out of work. Ms. Jacob asked that this project be postponed.

Mayor Halverson stated the project has already been put off for about three years. He said a lot of the funds are coming from the state to reconstruct the road and services.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Molski seconded, approval of Preliminary Resolution for the replacement of clay sanitary sewer laterals.

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

20. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of February 3, 2010.

Colleen Kiefer, 635 Franklin Street, is available for any questions regarding the request to hold a graduation party at the Bandshell.

Ald. Wiza would like to know how the distribution of alcohol will be handled.

Colleen Kiefer said they will have responsible people manning the alcohol distribution. She said they will use wristbands.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked how many people will be attending the party.

Colleen Kiefer replied approximately 100 people.

Director Schrader said the City has not had this event for the past two years. He said it was held at Jordan Park and they did not have any problems. The Director said alcohol distribution will be limited to just their group.

Ald. Wiza asked if the liability issue has been resolved.

City Attorney Molepske said the liability form can be signed by one individual or by the group. He reiterated that alcohol distribution is limited to only their group. The Attorney said if they start selling beer to others then there is a problem.

Director Schrader noted this same group could just show up at the park.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of February 3, 2010.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, voiced his concerns on the naming of the dog park.

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

21. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of February 8, 2010.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, declined her opportunity to speak.

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

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

22. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meeting of February 9, 2010.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, is happy that a strategic plan is being developed.

Mayor Halverson stated the Police and Fire Commission minutes were mailed out separately by the Police Department. He noted that some of the alderpersons did not receive the minutes in the

mail so the consideration of the minutes will be postponed to allow time for the alderpersons to review the minutes.

Ald. R. Stroik said the results of the public safety survey were presented at the Police and Fire Commission meeting and he suggested having a brief summary of the survey results presented to the Council.

Mayor Halverson said they could be discussed at the next Public Protection Committee meeting.

23. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Transportation Commission meeting of February 9, 2010.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, to approve the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Transportation Commission meeting of February 9, 2010.

Ald. Walther said the Freedom Pass plan was approved at the last meeting. He said the Freedom Passes cost \$20 and will allow grade and high school students to ride the bus during summer break.

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

24. Consideration of Resolution - In Support of Wisconsin Cable Consumer Repair and PEG Channel Legislation.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, in favor of the resolution in support of Wisconsin Cable Consumer Repair and PEG Channel Legislation.

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

25. Consideration of amending the membership of the Sustainability Advisory Commission.

Mayor Halverson said this amendment would include the Mayor or his/her designee as well as an alderperson as members of the Sustainability Advisory Commission.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to amend the Sustainability Advisory Commission to have six members to include the Mayor or his/her designee.

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

- 26. Mayoral Appointments: Sustainability Advisory Commission –
Appoint Ald. O’Meara, 1809 Clark St. (Unexpired term of Heart, Exp.
11/16/10)
Appoint Mayor Andrew Halverson, 3116 Jordan Ln. (Exp.11/16/10)**

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Mallison seconded, approval of the two appointments.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, asked what the reasons were for the current appointments.

Mayor Halverson feels Ald. O’Meara currently has the best grasp of environmental issues. The Mayor said the reason for his appointment is because he wants to be able to stay involved and ensure the Commission continues to meet.

Cathy Dugan said she is not aware of the Sustainability Commission having regular scheduled meetings.

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

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

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Mallison seconded, to accept the Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer and place it on file.

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

- 28. Adjournment.**

Adjournment at 8:16 p.m.