

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mayor Andrew Halverson, presiding

PRESENT: Ald. Mallison, Walthers, O'Meara, Heart, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, Stroik, Brooks, Moore

Excused: Ald. Wiza

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Moe, Comptroller/Treasurer Schlice, Directors Gardner, Schrader, Halverson, Popoff; Adm. Director Morris, Assessor Siebers, Personnel Manager Jakusz, Assistant to the Mayor Pazdernik, Kari Yenter, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Meredith Thorn (Stevens Point Journal)

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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 Regular Common Council meeting of April 20, 2009, the Reorganization Council Meeting of April 21, 2009, and the Special Common Council meetings of April 28, and May 11, 2009.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, approval of the minutes of the regular Common Council meeting of April 20, 2009, the Reorganization Council Meeting of April 21, 2009, and the Special Common Council meetings of April 28, and May 11, 2009.

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.

Mildred Neville, 1709 Jefferson Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

Item #6 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Item #8 - Conditional use for 1528 Water Street to reconstruct a front porch

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, Whiting, WI:

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Item #17 - Special Board of Public Works meeting of May 18, 2009

5. Presentation by Senior Poppy Princess Mariah Pursley.

Senior Poppy Princess Mariah Pursley introduced herself saying she is a freshman at Pacelli High School. She is an active member in the

American Legion Auxiliary and supports veterans, soldiers and their families. Ms. Pursley recited a poem, "Only a Paper Poppy".

Mayor Halverson thanked Miss Pursley for her leadership and supporting the veterans. The Mayor presented Miss Pursley with a proclamation.

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

Mildred Neville, 1709 Jefferson Street, voiced her concerns on the appointment of Karl Halsey to the Historical Preservation/Design Review Commission. She also questioned the fairness of the appointments to the Standing Committees with some alderpersons only being assigned to one committee.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, is concerned that Bernice Sevenich's term was not renewed even though she was still interested in being on Historic Preservation/Design Review.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, is concerned with the recent appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions especially Ald. Molski being appointed Chairperson of the Personnel Committee since she has a son who is a City employee.

Ald. Slowinski thanked everyone for their help and donations for the city-wide clean-up.

7. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Plan Commission meeting of May 4, 2009.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Plan Commission meeting of May 4, 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

8. Public Hearing - Conditional Use - 1528 Water St. - Request to Reconstruct a Front Porch.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, agrees the addition will be attractive but she feels there should be a one year completion date for the project.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, supports the project with a one year completion date.

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

9. Consideration of Resolution on the above. Resolution - Front Porch

Ald. Stroik asked what the normal permit schedule is for this type of project.

Director Gardner said there is usually no time limit on the resolution.

Ald. Stroik asked if a one year sunset could be added.

Director Gardner suggested putting a one year sunset clause on the permit.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to approve the conditional use at 1528 Water Street with a one year sunset clause on the permit.

Ald. Moore would like it clarified that the one year sunset is not on the conditional use itself.

Director Gardner said the person must pull a building permit to construct the structure that was permitted under the conditional use permit. He said if the person has not taken out a permit and no work is being done within one year then they would have to come back for another conditional use permit.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Heart, O'Meara, Walther, Mallison.

Nays: Ald. Brooks.

Ayes - 9. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

10. Consideration of Ordinance - Annexation of 3.148 Acres of Land - NE Corner of Hwy. 66 and I-39.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the ordinance annexing 3.148 acres of land - NE corner of Hwy. 66 and I-39.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Walther, O'Meara, Heart, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, Stroik, Brooks, Moore.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. Public Hearing - Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Classify NE Corner of Hwy. 66 and I-39 as "B-4" Commercial Zone.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

12. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment on the above.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the classification - NE corner of Hwy. 66 and I-39 as "B-4" Commercial.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Heart, O'Meara, Walther, Mallison.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of May 11, 2009.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of May 11, 2009.

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

14. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of May 11, 2009.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, to approve the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of May 11, 2009.

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

15. Consideration of Resolution - Creation of Quiet Zone - Canadian National Railway. Quiet Zone Resolution

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, to approve the resolution - Creation of Quiet Zone - Canadian National Railway.

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

16. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment - Traffic - Repeal the Loading Zone Ordinance on the north side of Arlington Street between Strongs Avenue and Water Street. Loading Zone Ordinance

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Molski seconded, approval of the repeal of the Loading Zone Ordinance.

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

17. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Special Board of Public Works meeting of May 18, 2009.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, is concerned that no public input is allowed at the special meetings. He questions why the City needs to spend this amount of money now especially during this difficult economic time.

Ald. O'Meara moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to affirm the actions and minutes of the Special Board of Public Works meeting of May 18, 2009.

Clerk Moe read the minutes of the Special Board of Public Works meeting of May 18, 2009.

City Attorney Molepske assisted with explaining the actions taken at the Special Board of Public Works meeting of May 18, 2009.

Ald. Stroik noted the City has applied for grants to aid with this project.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, O'Meara, Walther, Mallison.
Nays: Ald. Heart.
Ayes - 9. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

Ald. Moore was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

18. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of May 11, 2009.

Ald. Brooks moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of May 11, 2009.

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

19. Consideration of Resolution - Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing. Official Intent Resolution

Ald. O'Meara moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, approval of the resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Walther, O'Meara, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, Stroik, Brooks.
Nays: Ald. Heart.
Ayes - 8. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

20. Consideration of Resolution - Authorizing Representative to File Application for Financial Assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval of the resolution.

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

21. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of May 11, 2009.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, to approve the minutes and affirm the actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of May 11, 2009.

Ald. O'Meara noted the additional employees could be laid off if there is no funding available.

Mayor Halverson stated the contracts and seniority would stand.

City Attorney Molepske said the union contracts would govern.

Personnel Manager Jakusz stated the positions are considered union positions.

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

22. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Transportation Commission meeting of May 5, 2009.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Heart seconded, to approve the minutes and affirm the actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of May 5, 2009.

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

23. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of May 6, 2009.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. O'Meara seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of May 6, 2009.

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

24. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of May 11, 2009.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of May 11, 2009.

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

25. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meeting of May 5, 2009.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meeting of May 5, 2009.

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

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

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, to approve the Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer and place it on file.

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

27. Mayoral Appointments: Transportation Development Plan Advisory Committee

Ald. Stroik asked why Mr. Hopfensperger, with all of his experience, would not be considered for the Transit Development Plan Advisory Committee.

Mayor Halverson said there may still be additions to the Committee. He said there was a request for an additional student primarily from the Student Government Association.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to approve the Mayoral appointees for the Transit Development Plan Advisory Committee.

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

28. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 7:52 p.m.

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