

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mayor Andrew Halverson, presiding

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Moe, Director Gardner, Director Schrader, Adm. Director Morris, Interim Director Saunders, GIS/Construction Mgr. Lemke, Assessor Siebers, Personnel Manager Jakusz, Streets Superintendent Laidlaw, Assistant to the Mayor Pazdernik, Kari Yenter, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Nick Paulson (Stevens Point Journal)

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

Mayor Halverson stated the City of Stevens Point received over \$6 million for the jurisdictional transfer agreement for Division Street and Stanley Street. He said a grant was also awarded to the City in the amount of \$1,597,000 through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act for Well #11 and a loan balance for the same amount. The Mayor said the search for a new Director of Public Works continues to move forward. He noted that a regional bus line concept is being discussed with surrounding communities. The Mayor said there will be no additional swale projects this year. He said the EMS contract process continues to move forward with Portage County. Mayor Halverson thanked Ald. Heart for her service and contributions to the City.

3. Consideration of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of June 15, 2009, the Special Common Council meeting of January 5, 2009, and the Special Joint Community Development Authority / Common Council meeting of June 23, 2009.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Molski seconded, approval of the Regular Common Council minutes of June 15, 2009, Special Common Council minutes of January 5, 2009, and Special Joint Community Development Authority/Common Council minutes of June 23, 2009.

Ald. Wiza noted that the designee to the Citizen Participation Plan is not on the agenda.

Mayor Halverson said it was an oversight.

Ald. Wiza questioned why January 5, 2009 minutes were never approved before.

Clerk Moe stated it was an oversight on his part.

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 #6 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

Joseph Peltz, 330 E Kibourn Avenue #1250, Milwaukee, WI:

Item # 7 - Plan Commission meeting of July 6, 2009

Item #12 - Board of Public Works meeting of July 13, 2009 and Special Board of Public Works meeting of July 20, 2009

Item #14 - Finance Committee meeting of July 13, 2009 and Special Finance Committee meeting of July 20, 2009

Leah Berlin, 1626 Oak Street, LaCrosse, WI:
Item #8 - Ordinance annexing 3533 Stanley Street
Item #9 - Public Hearing - Zoning for 3533 Stanley Street

Jeffrey A. Metz, 557 Cottonwood Avenue, Hartland, WI 53029:
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Bob Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481:
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Kurt Bauman, 421 Griswold, Ripon, WI:
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Mike Mead, 4973 N Larkin, Whitefish Bay, WI:
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Brady Thrun, N7904 Bluffview Ct., Holmen:
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5. Presentation by Lori Dehlinger, Executive Director, Portage County Business Council - update on 2009 Business Council initiatives.

Executive Director Lori Dehlinger noted they have a new website designed to help business and property owners. She said many resources are available. Ms. Dehlinger said their programs and services have been altered to meet the needs of the people.

6. 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, thanked Ald. Heart for her services especially on sustainability issues.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said he received the recommendation that the candidates for the Fifth District be required to obtain signatures and meet the citizens of this district.

7. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Plan Commission meeting of July 6, 2009.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, affirm the actions and accept the minutes of the Plan Commission meeting of July 6, 2009.

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

8. Consideration of Ordinance - Annexation of 3533 Stanley St.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. O'Meara seconded, to approve the ordinance annexing 3533 Stanley Street.

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

9. Public Hearing - Zoning - Classify 3533 Stanley St. 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.

10. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment on the above.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the ordinance amendment changing the zoning to "B-4" Commercial Zoning for 3533 Stanley Street.

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

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

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of July 13, 2009.

Ald. Stroik noted that Chief Ruder had responded to Ald. Slowinski's question regarding J. R. Liquor.

Ald. Wiza asked if one exit from the fenced area is sufficient in an emergency situation.

Adm. Director Morris said he will review this with Interim Fire Chief Zinda.

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

12. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of July 13, 2009 and the Special Board of Public Works meeting of July 20, 2009.

Ald. O'Meara moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, to approve the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of July

13, 2009 and affirm the actions taken at the Special Board of Public Works meeting of July 20, 2009.

Jeffrey A. Metz, 557 Cottonwood Avenue, is available for questions.

Bob Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, agrees that the City did a poor job notifying property owners about the ditching project. He said there are no water problems on Lindbergh Avenue. Mr. Larson submitted a petition and it was placed on file.

Mayor Halverson reiterated no blanket swaling will take place in areas that are not scheduled for complete reconstruction.

Kurt Bauman, 421 Griswold, is available for questions.

Joseph Peltz, 330 E Kibourn Avenue, is available for questions.

Mike Mead, representative of McDonald's, still has concerns with the amount of parking stalls.

Ald. Wiza asked if there is any recourse with the contractors for being late on the completion date for the HH project.

Mayor Halverson said when the agreements were executed and the project formulated, the new date was the end of July and there would not be any project management between now and the end of the project.

Ald. Wiza asked if there was a completion date set in the contract.

Mayor Halverson replied yes.

Interim Director Saunders explained that during the design phase, the scope of the project increased from the original assumption. He stated that the nature of the project increased so they need additional funds to complete the project.

Mayor Halverson said the projections as far as budget savings will be approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Interim Director Saunders said they saved the City a good portion of money with some changes they were able to make. He said they should come in under budget on their contract so there will be some additional savings.

Ald. Wiza asked if the completion date will still be July 31, 2009.

Interim Director Saunders replied yes, they are on schedule so the roadway should be open by July 31, 2009.

Ald. Walther noted that at the Board of Public Works meeting regarding the swale project, he had asked whether there was a log book of how many times the pump truck went out and how many calls were made regarding the roads.

Mayor Halverson said the Streets Department does not have a log but the Water Department does monitor every time the truck goes out.

Brady Thrun, representative of Perkins, pointed out that the City is responsible for the removal of the existing pavement and curb. He asked for consideration that Perkins sign does not end up getting blocked.

Mayor Halverson said that will be worked out internally with the Inspection Department.

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

13. Consideration of Ordinance - Traffic - Amend Sec. 9.05 RMC - Amend the Number of Parking Spaces in Municipal Parking Lot #22.

Ald. O'Meara moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the Traffic Ordinance amendment.

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

14. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of July 13, 2009 and the Special Finance Committee meeting of July 20, 2009.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of July 13, 2009 and affirm the actions of the Finance Committee meeting of July 13, 2009 and the Special Finance Committee meeting of July 20, 2009.

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

15. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of July 13, 2009 and the Special Personnel Committee meeting of July 20, 2009.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Heart seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of July 13, 2009 and the Special Personnel Committee meeting of July 20, 2009.

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

16. Ordinance Amendment - Officials/Boards/Employees - Amend Sec. 3.37 RMC - Residency Requirements for Department Heads and Officers.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Walther seconded, approval of the ordinance amendment.

Ald. O'Meara moved, to amend the length of time that a candidate has to find housing after successful completion of their probation period from 30 days to 180 days.

The motion on the amendment failed due to a lack of a second.

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

17. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment - Police Department and Regulations - Sec. 5.01 and Sec. 5.04 - Increasing the number of Lieutenants.

Ald. Brooks moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment.

Ald. Wiza asked what will get cut in 2010 if the Lieutenant does not retire.

Mayor Halverson replied that has yet to be determined. He stated it will not necessarily be reductions but realignment of priorities within the Police Department.

Adm. Director Morris wants to retain the people that they have.

Ald. Wiza supports everyone keeping their job but he does not want to see any reduction in services.

Adm. Director Morris said this is a career department. He said there was a savings within the department so he would like to keep the employees until there is a natural reduction in manpower.

Mayor Halverson said the purchase of some equipment was delayed to help retain this position.

Ald. Stroik noted that the Police Chief and Administrative Director came up with some creative ways to save money without cutting employees.

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

18. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Transportation Commission meeting of July 14, 2009.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, to approve the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Transportation Commission meeting of July 14, 2009.

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

19. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of July 1, 2009.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of July 1, 2009.

Ald. Wiza said over \$2,000 was raised from the fundraising event for the dog park.

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

20. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of July 13, 2009.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Molski seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of July 13, 2009.

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

21. Consideration of minutes of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of July 7, 2009.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval of the minutes of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of July 7, 2009.

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

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

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Moore 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.

23. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 7:55 p.m.

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