

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Monday, January 19, 2009

Mayor Andrew Halverson, presiding

PRESENT: Ald. Myers, Walther, Wiza, Heart, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, Stroik, Brooks, Moore

Excused: Ald. Hanson

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Moe, Comptroller/Treasurer Schlice, Directors Gardner, Schrader, Popoff, Halverson; Police Chief Ruder, Adm. Director Morris, Assessor Siebers, Assistant to the Mayor Pazdernik, Kari Yenter, Personnel Manager Jakusz (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Meredith Thorn (Stevens Point Journal)

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18. Consideration and Action on Ordinance Amendment - Sect. 13.13, Sect. 13.23, Sect 13.24, Sect.13.25 Revised Municipal Code - Cross-Connection Control.
19. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meeting of January 6, 2009.
20. Consideration of the statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.
21. Adjournment.

Mayor Halverson stated tomorrow represents a historic day as the first African American takes office as the President of the United States.

3. Consideration of the minutes of the Special Common Council meeting of November 13, 2008 and the Regular Common Council meeting of December 15, 2008.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the Special Common Council minutes of November 13, 2008 and the regular Common Council minutes of December 15, 2008 and place them on file.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

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Shirley Abrahamson, Supreme Court, Madison:

Item #5 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

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

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Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., Whiting, WI:

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Item #9 - Public Protection Committee meeting of January 12, 2009

Item #11 - Board of Public Works meeting of January 12, 2009

Mike Phillips, 3225 Mary Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Ald. Myers, District 1:

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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.

Shirley Abrahamson, Chief Justice of Supreme Court, stated she was visiting Portage County for the day and it has an excellent circuit court system. She is very proud of the state court system. Ms. Abrahamson is up for election for the fourth time.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, is concerned about some of the follow up actions and promises that were made at the mall meeting.

She asked if the task force is still being considered.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., is concerned that three City aldermen will also be County Board Supervisors. He believes this is a conflict of interest. Mr. Rocheleau voiced his concerns on unfair taxing for businesses in TIF Districts.

Ald. Myers is concerned with the parking around Washington School and feels it needs to be addressed.

Mayor Halverson said the Police Chief is willing to talk about the parking situations especially around McKinley School, Jefferson School and Washington School.

6. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Plan Commission meeting of January 5, 2009.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, to affirm the actions and place the minutes of the Plan Commission meeting of January 5, 2009 on file.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearing - Conditional Use - 651 Second Street North - Request to Construct and Operate a 6-Bedroom Rest Home. Resolution

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. Moore moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the conditional use at 651 Second Street North - Request to construct and operate a 6-Bedroom Rest Home.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Heart, Wiza, Walther, Myers.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of January 12, 2009.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., stated the minutes did not reflect the fact that Ald. Trzebiatowski asked Director Gardner if the violations could be broken down and Director Gardner assured him that it could be done. He would like the minutes amended to include these statements from the Public Protection Committee meeting.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Heart seconded, approval of the minutes with the reflection that they show that Ald. Trzebiatowski asked a question and Director Gardner answered that it would be possible to break down the types.

Ald. Wiza asked if this will be done in the future.

Director Gardner replied that if it was asked to be done then it will be done.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

10. Consideration and Action on Ordinance Amendment - Creation of Sect. 2.08(3) RMC - Friendly Amendments. Proposed Amendment

Ald. Heart moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, approval of the ordinance amendment - creation of Sect. 2.08(3).

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Myers, Walther, Wiza, Heart, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, Stroik, Brooks, Moore.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting January 12, 2009.

Mike Phillips, 3225 Mary Street, suggested instead of buying trucks, the City should consider outsourcing trucks to remove snow. He said the taxpayers come first, it is more expensive for the City to provide the service. Mr. Phillips said just because it is in the budget, does not mean the City has to buy it.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, does not agree with spending funds to rebuild County HH. She asked if the current road was an expensive mistake, who was responsible? Ms. Laszewski stated the City should wait until there is better proof that this road needs the improvements.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., agrees with Mr. Phillips on looking into other options for snow removal. He believes it is the negligence of City staff that they did not plan for this road. Mr. Rocheleau suggested providing bus service to Crossroads Common or building fast food restaurants in the Business Park so the employees can walk to the restaurants.

Ald. Heart moved, Ald. Walther seconded, approval of the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting of January 12, 2009, with item #5 pulled for further discussion.

Ald. Slowinski asked if the 2007 dump truck will have a new vehicle warranty.

Mayor Halverson replied that is correct. He said one issue is the balance between the amount the City borrows versus the expenditure restrictions by the State. The Mayor said using public employees and borrowed equipment works to the City's advantage.

Comptroller/Treasurer Schlice said leasing vehicles is more expensive than what the City can borrow it for.

Ald. Wiza asked if contracting to haul snow has been looked into.

Comptroller/Treasurer Schlice replied, not at this time.

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

Ald. Heart moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve item #5 and direct Director Gardner to work with AECOM in addition to the bulleted items that they talked about in the change order is to incorporate a cost and rider analysis for serving for mass transit, we currently do go to the Business Park but our Transit Department is going to be undergoing a TDP this year so maybe we could speed that up and come up with some options to serve the Business Park more efficiently as part of what they are going to be evaluating for the redesign of two intersections and also to make sure that AECOM comes up with multi-modal considerations when they come forward with future presentations.

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

12. Preliminary Resolution - Fourth Avenue - Replacement of Clay Sanitary Sewer Laterals and/or Galvanized Services. Resolution

Mayor Halverson moved, to introduce the preliminary resolution.

13. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of January 12, 2009.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, approval of the minutes and place them on file.

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

14. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of January 12, 2009.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Walther seconded, approval of the actions and minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of January 12, 2009.

Ald. Heart would like an explanation of the process for approval and financing for the HH project.

Comptroller/Treasurer Schlice stated once all the bids are collected then it is approved. He said there are some funds that have been put into an account which covers the majority of our local share for this project.

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

15. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Transportation Commission meeting of January 8, 2009.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Transportation Commission meeting of January 8, 2009.

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

16. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Parks Commissioners meeting of January 7, 2009.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Parks Commissioners meeting of January 7, 2009.

Ald. Wiza commended Director Schrader and his staff for the conservation projects that have been completed at K. B. Willett.

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

17. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of January 12, 2009.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Myers seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of January 12, 2009.

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

18. Consideration and Action on Ordinance Amendment - Sect. 13.13, Sect. 13.23, Sect 13.24, Sect.13.25 RMC - Cross-Connection Control.
Proposed Amendment

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Heart seconded, approval of the consideration and action on the ordinance amendment relating to Cross-Connection Control.

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

19. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meeting of January 6, 2009.

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

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

20. Consideration of the statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer. Report

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Wiza 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.

21. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

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