

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Monday, October 19, 2009

Mayor Andrew Halverson, presiding

PRESENT: Ald. Mallison, Walther, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Molepske, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, Directors Gardner, Schrader, Halverson; City Surveyor Hild, Administrative Director Morris, GIS/Construction Mgr. Lemke, Transit Manager Lemke, Assessor Siebers, Assistant to the Mayor Pazdernik, Kari Yenter, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Meredith Thorn (Stevens Point Journal)

Index of these Minutes:

2. Salute to the Flag and Mayor's opening remarks.
3. Consideration of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of September 21, 2009.
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.
5. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.
6. Consideration of Resolution - Request to Host the Welcome Home Celebration for the 32nd Infantry Brigade.
7. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Plan Commission meetings of October 5, and October 13, 2009.
8. Public Hearing - Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Classify 3100 Church St. as "B-4" Commercial.
9. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment on the above.
10. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of October 12, 2009.
11. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment - Officials, Boards, Employees - Ch. 3.34 RMC - Transportation Commission and Licensing.
12. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting October 12, 2009.
13. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment - Traffic - Ch. 9.05(g) 294 RMC - No Parking on a Portion of the South Side of Fourth Avenue.
14. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of October 12, 2009.
15. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of October 12, 2009.
16. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of October 7, 2009.
17. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of October 7, 2009.
18. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meetings of September 21 and October 6, 2009.
19. Consideration of the Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.
20. Adjournment.

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

Mayor Halverson encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote at the upcoming School Referendum Election.

Clerk Moe stated absentee ballots are available now until the day before the election at the Clerk's office. He noted the last day to have an absentee ballot mailed is Thursday, October 29, 2009.

3. Consideration of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of September 21, 2009.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Molski seconded, approval of the regular Common Council minutes of September 21, 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.

David Smith, 4242 Janick Circle North, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

Item #7 - Plan Commission meetings of October 5 and October 13, 2009

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street West, Whiting:

Item #14 - Finance Committee meeting of October 12, 2009

Item #15 - Personnel Committee meeting of October 12, 2009

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

Item #15 - Personnel Committee meeting of October 12, 2009

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

None.

6. Consideration of Resolution - Request to Host the Welcome Home Celebration for the 32nd Infantry Brigade.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Walther seconded, approval of the resolution to host the Welcome Home Celebration for the 32nd Infantry Brigade.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

7. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Plan Commission meetings of October 5, and October 13, 2009.

Ald. O'Meara moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the actions and place the minutes of the Plan Commission meetings of October 5 and October 13, 2009 on file.

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

8. Public Hearing - Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Classify 3100 Church St. as "B-4" Commercial.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

9. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment on the above.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, approval of the ordinance amendment.

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

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

Ald. Brooks moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to accept the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of October 12, 2009.

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

11. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment - Officials, Boards, Employees - Ch. 3.34 RMC - Transportation Commission and Licensing.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to adopt the ordinance amendment.

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

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

Ald. Brooks moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, to accept the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of October 12, 2009.

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

David Smith, 4242 Janick Circle North, said there were a couple of reasons he wanted to donate the building and his artwork to the City, one was that this is a positive addition to the downtown. He said the other reason is this is a unique style of art which is created from the imagination. Mr. Smith went on to explain his history of art experiences and how he came to show his work. He added that he would like to be able to continue his work there after the city owns the property.

Mayor Halverson thanked Mr. Smith for his generosity.

13. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment - Traffic - Ch. 9.05(g) 294 RMC - No Parking on a Portion of the South Side of Fourth Avenue.

Ald. O'Meara moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to adopt the ordinance amendment.

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

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

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street West, voiced his concerns on his request to have his donation to the Stevens Point Dog Park refunded and the naming rights for the park. He commended the individual for the fine job completing the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to approve the minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of October 12, 2009.

Ald. R. Stroik stated there are no naming rights at this point. He reiterated that the City Attorney determined that the funds could not be returned at this time.

Mayor Halverson stated that is correct, there is not a naming action that has taken place.

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

15. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of October 12, 2009.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street West, questioned why the City would consider hiring Mike Morrissey as their Community Development Director knowing his past background of discrimination charges. He voiced his concerns on the reorganization of the Public Works/Engineering Department. Mr. Rocheleau also questioned the hiring procedures used by the City.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, voiced her concerns on the hiring of Mike Morrissey as Community Development Director. She suggested postponing a decision to allow time to further review the background of Mr. Morrissey and the charges against him.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Molski seconded, to accept the minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of October 12, 2009.

Mayor Halverson noted that Ald. Walther seconded the motion for item #3 at the Personnel Committee meeting.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said he originally questioned hiring Morrissey but since then, he has heard very complimentary remarks toward Mr. Morrissey.

Ald. Brooks thanked Mr. Morrissey for answering a lot of questions at last week's Personnel Committee meeting.

Ald. R. Stroik said he is impressed with Mr. Morrissey's integrity. He feels this integrity is exactly what the City needs.

Ald. Molski said the difference in pay for Mr. Morrissey is because he held a dual position for the City of Wausau.

Ald. Moore has concerns with the costs associated with moving offices and personnel for the reorganization of the Public Works/Engineering Department.

Mayor Halverson said the reorganization process will take time and the Council will be periodically updated during the process of the reorganization.

Ald. Moore said his concern is the hidden costs of moving offices and personnel.

Ald. O'Meara is concerned that the City will not be able to maintain a professional engineer at the current wage scale.

Mayor Halverson said this is just a draft. He said there are a lot of questions that still need to be answered.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, approval to accept the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of October 7, 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

17. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of October 7, 2009.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to affirm the actions and accept the minutes of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of October 7, 2009.

Ald. R. Stroik asked when the Mayor will present this to the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners and if they have any say in the matter.

Mayor Halverson said he will make his presentation to the Board in November. He said the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners can make suggestions but they are an advisory to the Council.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

18. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meetings of September 21 and October 6, 2009.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, approval of the minutes of the Police and Fire Commission meetings of September 21 and October 6, 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Molski 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.

20. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting minutes reproduced on this website are derived from the computer files used to produce the official minutes for the City of Stevens Point, but are unofficial. The minutes on this web site cannot be certified under s. 889.08, Wis. Stats., and cannot be considered prima facie evidence under s. 889.04, Wis. Stats. Certain tables, maps, and other documents that are a part of the official minutes are not included in the files reproduced on this website. Please consult the printed minutes, available in the City Clerk's Office, for the official text. The decisions made by City of Stevens Point boards, committees, and commissions (other than the Police & Fire Commission) are advisory only and are not binding on the City until affirmed at a meeting of the Common Council. Some of the minutes on this web site might not be approved by the Common Council as of today.