

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mayor Andrew Halverson, presiding

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Molepske, Clerk Moe, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, Directors Gardner, Schrader, Halverson, Morrissey; Interim Director Saunders, Administrative Director Morris, Police Chief Ruder, Interim Fire Chief Zinda, GIS/Construction Mgr. Lemke, Transit Manager Lemke, Assessor Siebers, Superintendent Laidlaw, Forester Ernster, Personnel Manager Jakusz, Assistant to the Mayor Pazdernik, Kari Yenter, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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At 7:01 p.m., Mayor Halverson recessed the November 16, 2009 Regular Common Council meeting until a time that the Special Common Council meeting is adjourned.

Mayor Halverson called the Regular Common Council meeting of November 16, 2009 to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Mayor Halverson led the salute to the flag.

3. Consideration of the Regular Common Council meeting of October 19, 2009.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the minutes of the regular Common Council meeting of October 19, 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.

Ald. Trzebiatowski, Seventh District:

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

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., Whiting:

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Jeff Schuler, 509 Sommers Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

Item #7 - Resolution, Portage County Courthouse Letter of Intent

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

Ald. Trzebiatowski thanked the students at McDill School for their kindness recognizing the veterans.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W., voiced his concerns on the way the Special Common Council meeting was handled.

6. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Plan Commission meeting of November 10, 2009.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. O'Meara seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Plan Commission meeting of November 10, 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

7. Consideration of Resolution - Portage County Courthouse Letter of Intent.

Jeff Schuler of Portage County Planning and Zoning was available for any questions.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, approval of the Resolution - Portage County Courthouse Letter of Intent.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Public Hearing - Conditional Use - 2301 Church St. - Request to operate a tavern.

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 Resolution on the above.

Ald. Mallison moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the conditional use at 2301 Church Street to operate a tavern.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Public Hearing - Conditional Use - 1001 Amber Ave. - Request to operate a tavern.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

11. Consideration of Resolution on the above.

Ald. O'Meara moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to adopt the resolution.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Public Hearing - Conditional Use - 200 Division St. - Request to operate a tavern.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

13. Consideration of Resolution on the above.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, to approve the resolution for a conditional use to operate a tavern at 200 Division Street.

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

Nays: None.

Ald. Moore abstained. Motion carried.

14. Public Hearing - Conditional Use - 1036 Main St. - Request to operate an electronic amusement parlor.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

15. Consideration of Resolution on the above.

Ald. Mallison moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to adopt the resolution.

Ald. O'Meara asked if the City has any control over the types of devices used at this establishment.

Director Gardner replied, no.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said this is a well managed business and the games are appropriate.

Ald. Wiza agreed that it is a well run business.

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

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

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval of the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting of November 9, 2009.

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

17. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of November 9, 2009.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of November 9, 2009.

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

18. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment - Traffic - Ch.9.05(g) 293 and 9.05(d) 26 RMC - No parking from 8:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M on the east side of Water St. from a point 75 feet north of Main St. to the intersection of Main St. and Water St. and two hour parking on the east side of Water St. commencing from the intersection of Water St. and Main St. and ending at a point 190 feet north of Main St. between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, approval of the ordinance amendment.

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

19. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of November 9, 2009.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of November 9, 2009.

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

20. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment - Traffic - Ch. 9.12(g) (2), and (3) RMC - Change to the Bike License Fee.

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

Ald. O'Meara opposes the increase to the bike license fee.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked how many bikes are picked up and stored by the Police Department each year.

Chief Ruder said there are hundreds.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked if we are raising the fee, what type of enforcement do we have for people not licensing their bikes. He said if the bikes are registered, we should not have hundreds of them in our storage unit. The alderman hopes the Police Department will step up enforcement and have some type of method of ensuring people are in compliance.

Chief Ruder responded the Police Department does enforcement of bike licenses. He said the Police Department also has a pro-active approach to make sure people get a bike license such as going to freshmen orientation at the university. The Police Chief noted that the transient population that we get through the university is what causes a lot of the bikes to be abandoned in the city. He said they also set up a stand the first week of school where the students have the ability to purchase a bike license. The Police Chief noted the increase from \$3 to \$6 is for administrative costs. He said the fees have not been raised in 24 years and the increase makes us comparable to neighboring municipalities.

Ald. M. Stroik asked what the fine is for having a bike without a license.

Chief Ruder replied the fine is \$102. He also noted the bike registration is non-expiring for the entire time you own the bike.

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

21. Denial of Claim and Amended Claim of Dial Corp. et al.

Mayor Halverson moved, Ald. Moore seconded, denial of claim and amended claim of the Dial Corp. et al.

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

22. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of November 9, 2009.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Molski seconded, to affirm the actions taken and place the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of November 9, 2009 on file.

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

23. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of November 9, 2009.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of November 9, 2009.

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

24. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meeting of November 3, 2009.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, approval of the minutes.

Ald. R. Stroik noted that Ald. Trzebiatowski was also present at the Police and Fire Commission meeting of November 3, 2009.

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

25. Consideration and possible action on the Ambulance Service Provider Agreement between the City and Portage County.

Ald. Mallison moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, approval of the Ambulance Service Provider Agreement between the City and Portage County.

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

26. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Transportation Commission Meeting of November 11, 2009.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to approve the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Transportation Commission meeting of November 11, 2009.

Ald. Brooks is impressed with the number of riders using the late night buses.

Mayor Halverson said it has been a great success.

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

27. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Smongeski Health Fund meeting of November 12, 2009.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Smongeski Health Fund meeting of November 12, 2009.

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

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

Ald. O'Meara 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.

29. Recognition of Community Development Director John Gardner.

Mayor Halverson commended Director John Gardner for all of his accomplishments and thanked him for his years of service. The Mayor presented Director Gardner with a commendation and congratulated him on his retirement.

Director Gardner thanked his office staff, city staff, department heads and elected officials for all of their help over the years. He appreciated the opportunity to work with them.

30. Mayoral Appointment:
Transportation Commission - Ald. M. Stroik, 1709 Ellis St.
Transit Development Plan Advisory Committee - Ald. M. Stroik, 1709 Ellis St.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the appointment of Ald. Mary Stroik to the Transportation Commission and Transit Development Plan Advisory Committee.

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

31. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

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