

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Monday, December 21, 2009

Mayor Andrew Halverson, presiding

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Molepske, Clerk Moe, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, Directors Schrader, Halverson, Morrissey; Interim Director Saunders, Police Chief Ruder, GIS/Construction Mgr. Lemke, Assessor Siebers, 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 reflected on some of the 2009 accomplishments such as the Patch Street sewer project, new water well, improvement of public housing, hybrid buses, and the Minnesota Avenue and Highway HH reconstruction. He noted other projects included chip sealing, a new salt shed, Fourth Avenue reconstruction, new fire trucks and a fiber optic project. The Mayor stated the ISO rating for the City of Stevens Point went from four to three which will lower the insurance rates. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

3. Consideration of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of November 16, and the Special Common Council meetings of November 16, and November 30, 2009.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the regular Common Council minutes of November 16, and the Special Common Council minutes of November 16, and November 30, 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.

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

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Susie Eberhard, 3147 Dan's Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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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.

Mildred Neville, 1709 Jefferson Street, voiced concerns that the Chairman did not accept public comment from one individual at the Board of Public Works meeting.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, stressed the importance of public participation in local government.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street West, is disappointed that no one on the Board of Public Works or the City Attorney stood up for a citizen who wanted to speak at a public meeting.

City Attorney Molepske stated a citizen has three minutes to discuss any issue and is also provided the opportunity to speak on an agenda item for five minutes.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, also voiced her concerns on the way the Board of Public Works meeting was handled. She is afraid that if it happened to one person, it can happen again to someone else.

Mayor Halverson stated proper protocol was not used by the individual at the meeting.

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

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Plan Commission meeting of December 7, 2009.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, would like clarification on the change to the City Planner's duties.

Mayor Halverson stated Portage County Planning and Zoning agreed to prepare the memos for Plan Commission meetings. The Mayor wants to allow more time for Director Morrissey to focus on economic development, job creation and revitalization.

Cathy Dugan asked who will handle the enforcement.

Mayor Halverson said the City will handle all the enforcement.

Ald. O'Meara asked who will do the technical work for annexations.

Mayor Halverson replied the City Surveyor, Community Development Director and City Attorney will complete the work.

Ald. R. Stroik stressed that the Inspection Department make sure the conditions are being met for conditional use permits.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearing - Conditional Use - Request to Operate a Tavern at 2124 Rice Street.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street West, is happy to see a vacant business being developed. He feels the City is giving the owner of this business a hard time.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, agrees the conditions need to be enforced especially the noise conditions since the business is located in a residential area.

Jason Glisczynski, 1920 Adams Street, appreciates the City working with him and he is available for any questions.

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

8. Consideration of Resolution on the above.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, approval of the conditional use to operate a tavern at 2124 Rice Street with the 21 conditions set forth by the Plan Commission.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of December 14, 2009.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of December 14, 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

10. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of December 14, 2009.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Walther seconded, approval of the Public Protection Committee meeting minutes including the change that Clerk Moe handed out with a few typing errors.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

11. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of December 14, 2009.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting of December 14, 2009.

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

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

Susie Eberhard, 3147 Dans Drive, declined her opportunity to speak.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, would like to know if the signs are being approved.

Mayor Halverson said the only approval is to name the area, "Point Dog Park" which requires a 60 day process.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street West, said the reason he requested the return of his donation was because there was an oral agreement that there would be no naming rights. He continued to voice his concerns on the way this is being handled.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, reviewed the process for naming the dog park. Ms. Laszewski voiced her concerns on the conditions set by the Schierl family for the proposed signs.

Mildred Neville, 1709 Jefferson Street, asked that the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting be amended to include that Mr. Rocheleau was not allowed to speak regarding the dog park.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. O'Meara seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of December 14, 2009.

Ald. Wiza clarified that numerous names will be on signs recognizing them as donors. He stated that no naming rights are being offered.

Ald. R. Stroik said the Schierl family plans to issue a check in the amount of \$13,000 by December 31, 2009. He asked if this has changed since the Board of Public Works will not meet before that date.

Ald. Wiza replied that has changed. He said they will not take action until after the public comment period.

Ald. O'Meara wants the park and its name to be for the citizens of the commonwealth of Stevens Point.

Ald. Mallison said the dog park committee has done a great job pushing this project forward.

Ald. Trzebiatowski feels "Point Dog Park" is an appropriate name.

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

13. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of December 2, 2009.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, approval of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of December 2, 2009.

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

14. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of December 14, 2009.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, is concerned with the amount being spent to expand sewer and water out to Highway J.

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

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

15. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meeting of December 1, 2009.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to place the minutes on file of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of December 1, 2009.

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

16. Consideration of minutes and actions taken at the Transportation Commission Meeting of December 16, 2009.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Mallison seconded, to accept the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Transportation Commission meeting of December 16, 2009.

Ald. Walther stated the Transportation Commission is reviewing the TDP final plan and will make a recommendation on January 7, 2010.

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

17. Consideration of Mayoral Appointments: Census Complete Count Committee (Terms Expire 7-31-10) - Janis Borski, Phong Vang, Liz McDonald, Scott Winn, Dan Hoppe, Gene Kemmeter, James Hamilton. Memo

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Brooks seconded, to accept the Mayoral appointments for the Census Complete Count Committee.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

18. Appointment of Election Officials for 2010-2011.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the appointment of Election Officials for 2010-2011.

Ald. Mallison thanked all of the election officials for their service.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none.

Ald. Wiza, Molski and Moore abstained. Motion carried.

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

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski 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 8:15 p.m.

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