

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Transportation Commission

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Present: Chairman Ald. Hans Walther, Elbert Rackow, Bob Woehr, Renee Gehrke, Judy Bablitch, Nichole Lysne

Excused: Ald. Amy Heart

Also Present: Fred Hopfensperger, Susan Lemke

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walther at 4:30 p.m.

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1. Approval of minutes from the May 5, 2009 Transportation Commission meeting.

Elbert Rackow moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 Transportation Commission meeting. Bob Woehr seconded with a request for discussion. Mr. Woehr noted a discrepancy with the minutes which are posted on the city website and the minutes which Manager Lemke sent in the packet. The Commission member excused section was different. Manager Lemke stated she will request a correction be made to the minutes on the website. Mr. Woehr stated it is important to note the minutes being approved are the minutes which were sent out in the packet to the Transportation Commission which reflect Renee Gehrke and Judy Bablitch were present at the May 5th meeting and Nichole Lysne was excused. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

2. Hybrid bus information/DVD.

Due to technical difficulties the informational DVD will be viewed at the next Commission meeting. Manager Lemke distributed a handout which provided an overview of how hybrid buses function. Fred Hopfensperger asked how the situation with General Motors (GM) would affect the GM Allison Hybrid systems. Manager Lemke stated she recently conversed with a Gillig representative about this topic and was told GM had sold the Allison Hybrid portion of the company.

3. City Ordinance Section 3.34, Transportation Commission, discussion with possible action.

Chairman Walther indicated City Ordinance 3.34 Transportation Commission, was reviewed by the Commission a couple of months ago. The Commission did not feel it was appropriate for them to oversee taxi cabs and other licensed transportation systems. The City attorney was consulted and indicated Jeff Morris was currently reviewing ordinances and suggested Chairman Walther meet with him to discuss the concerns expressed by the Commission. Chairman Walther met with Mr. Morris and the City Clerk. It was determined the Public Protection Committee was the appropriate oversight committee for taxi cabs and other licensed transportation providers in the City.

Elbert Rackow moved, the Transportation Commission recommend the Public Protection Committee regulate taxi cabs, limousines and any other licensed transportation systems within the City of Stevens Point. Seconded by Bob Woehr. Bob stated it must be clear in City ordinances 3.34 and 12.22 the Transportation Commission is only responsible for the City Transit system. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. Fueling system project update.

Manager Lemke stated DPW Director Popoff received five (5) bids for the fueling system upgrade project. The bids ranged from \$96,655 to \$166,288. The lowest bidder was awarded the contract. The project is scheduled to be complete by August 1, 2009. Manager Lemke has secured a \$30,000 grant for the project. Manager Lemke spoke with Dave Lowe at WISDOT this week and he will be submitting a grant contract for that amount. The Commission previously authorized using up to \$30,000 of remaining funds in the 2005-5311 federal grant for the project. Manager Lemke indicated DPW Director Popoff has resigned from his position so she will continue to coordinate with DPW staff on the project.

5. Transportation Development Plan (TDP) update.

The first TDP Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in conference room C at the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Joe Kern, the lead Consultant for SRF, will facilitate the meeting. Mr. Hopfensperger asked if guests can attend the meeting. Chairman Walther indicated the meeting is open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend.

Bob Woehr questioned the list of TDP Advisory Committee appointments. He indicated at the last commission meeting Fred Hopfensperger requested consideration be given to his serving on the committee as a community representative since he was no longer a Commissioner. Mr. Walther was asked to speak with the Mayor and make the request. The other appointments which were previously discussed were a representative from the Old Main Neighborhood Association and Mr. O'Meara. Manager Lemke stated the original list presented to the Commission consisted of individuals who she planned to contact to ask if they would be willing to serve on the committee. Once contacts were made and the individuals agreed to serve on the committee the list was submitted for consideration for appointment. Manager Lemke left a message for Mr. O'Meara. She did not receive a return call. Mr. Walther stated he met with the Mayor three days before the agenda containing the list for appointments came out. Mr. Walther requested Mr. Hopfensperger be included in the appointments. The Mayor indicated he would give it some thought, and indicated he was considering additions to the list. Manager Lemke stated she would take the responsibility for not adding a member of the Old Main Neighborhood. She simply forgot to add someone from the association to the list. Judy Bablitch indicated she is a member of the Old Main Neighborhood Association and will be happy to relay information to the group.

Chairman Walther indicated the motion made by the Commission when the original list was created allowed Manager Lemke the latitude to change the list once she began contacting individuals.

6. Next meeting date.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2009 at 4:45 p.m.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

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