

Meeting Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting

April 16, 2007, 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, County-City Building

Mayor Gary W. Wescott, presiding Roll Call: Present: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Hanson, Wiza, Robinson, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, Stroik, Barber, Moore

Also Present: City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Moe, Comptroller/Treasurer Schlice, Directors Gardner, Schrader, Euclide, Halverson; Police Chief Morris, Fire Chief Barnes, Transit Manager Lemke, Personnel Specialist Jakusz, Kari Yenter, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Jason Zencka (Stevens Point Journal)

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21. Remarks from Mayor Wescott.
22. Adjournment.

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

Mayor Wescott dispensed with his opening remarks until the end of the meeting.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of March 19, 2007 and the Special Common Council meeting of March 29, 2007.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the regular Common Council minutes of March 19, 2007 and the Special Common Council minutes of March 29, 2007.

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.

Norm Myers Sr. Item #13 - Ratification of Ambulance Service Agreement between
416 Union Street the City of Stevens Point and Portage County
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Director Kim Halverson Item #5 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
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Ald. Slowinski Item #5 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
Sixth District

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

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, voiced his concerns about unlicensed vehicles in the City.

City Attorney Molepske said currently the city ordinance mirrors the state statute. The Attorney said he has not received a request from the Police Department or Public Protection Committee to make a change to the ordinance.

Ald. Slowinski announced he will be having his first neighborhood clean up for the Sixth District on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at 9:00 A.M.

Director Halverson said a pharmaceutical take-back event is scheduled for May 5, 2007, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Portage County Highway Department. The Director noted that this event is available to all Portage County residents.

6. Plan Commission meeting of April 2, 2007.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of April 2, 2007.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

7. Ordinance - Annexation - 1728 Brilowski Road.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the ordinance annexing 1728 Brilowski Road.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Barber, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Robinson, Wiza, Hanson, Walther, Sevenich.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Public Protection Committee meeting of April 9, 2007.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for approval of the Public Protection Committee minutes of April 9, 2007, with a correction to the motion made for item #1 -Recommendation on the license list; under extension of premise for the Stevens Point Brewery, the extension for Rock the Brewery should be June 9 and the extension for Brews, Brats and Bands should be August 17 and August 18.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

9. Board of Public Works meeting of April 9, 2007.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of April 9, 2007.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Hanson, Wiza, Robinson, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, Stroik, Barber, Moore.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Special Board of Public Works meeting of April 16, 2007.

Clerk Moe read the minutes of the Special Board of Public Works meeting of April 16, 2007.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the Special Board of Public Works minutes of April 16, 2007.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Barber, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Robinson, Wiza, Hanson, Walther, Sevenich.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. Finance Committee meeting of April 9, 2007.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of April 9, 2007.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Barber, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Robinson, Wiza, Hanson, Walther, Sevenich.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Special Finance Committee meeting of April 16, 2007.

Clerk Moe read the minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting of April 16, 2007.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the Special Finance Committee minutes of April 16, 2007.

Ald. Stroik added that the City should bid it for a 30 day window.

Ald. Wiza asked if Director Euclide could get an estimate of what it would cost the City to redesign the parking area.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

13. Ratification of Ambulance Service Agreement between the City of Stevens Point and Portage County.

Norm Myers Sr., 416 Union Street, said the Ambulance Agreement is a two tier system. Mr. Myers voiced his concerns on the wording for the EMS Coordinator and the Amherst contract.

Mayor Wescott said almost all of Mr. Myers' comments are relevant to the negotiations at the County Board level. The Mayor said this is an excellent contract for the taxpayers of Stevens Point. He is disappointed that the negotiation of the ambulance service contract with Portage County became so political.

Ald. Barber moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, to approve the contract with the EMS and Portage County.

Ald. Moore asked what is the need for the Amherst information in the Ambulance Contract with the City.

City Attorney said there isn't really. The Attorney said there is nothing perfect about this contract but that is the legality of it.

Mayor Wescott said the only legal matter in front of the Council is the agreement with the City for the twelve paramedics.

Ald. Moore is disappointed with the County for writing up such a poor document.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Barber, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Robinson, Wiza, Hanson, Walther, Sevenich
Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Personnel Committee meeting of April 9, 2007.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, for approval of the Personnel Committee minutes of April 9, 2007.

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

15. Ratification of Teamsters Union Local 662 (Police Officers) 2007-2008 Tentative Agreement.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to ratify the Teamsters Union Local 662 (Police Officers) 2007-2008 Tentative Agreement.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Hanson, Wiza, Robinson, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, Stroik, Barber, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. Board of Park Commissioners meeting of April 4, 2007.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, for approval of the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of April 4, 2007.

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

17. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of April 9, 2007.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of April 9, 2007.

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

18. Reports:

Police and Fire Commission meeting of April 10, 2007.

Statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Transportation Commission meeting of April 4, 2007.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the Police and Fire Commission minutes of April 10, 2007, statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer and the Transportation Commission minutes of April 4, 2007.

Ald. Stroik complimented President Richard Judy for his twelve years of service on the Police and Fire Commission.

Mayor Wescott said Commissioner Judy has led the Police and Fire Commission through a lot. The Mayor wished Commissioner Judy the best of luck.

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

19. Remarks from Alderperson Robinson.

Mayor Wescott thanked Ald. Robinson for his years of dedicated public service. The Mayor presented Ald. Robinson with a plaque.

Ald. Robinson thanked the constituents of the Fifth District for the opportunity to serve them. Ald. Robinson's key message is to accept and explore new ideas. The alderman wished great success to the incoming Mayor and Alderpersons. He encouraged citizens to engage in the democratic process.

20. Remarks from Alderperson Sevenich.

Mayor Wescott thanked Ald. Sevenich for her 10 years of dedicated public service. The Mayor presented Ald. Sevenich with a plaque.

Ald. Sevenich learned that her decisions on the Council not only affect her district but the entire City as well as the county. As an alderperson, she decided to concentrate on the downtown area and the First District neighborhood. She noted that they are both much better today than 10 years ago. The alderperson thanked everyone that helped her along the way. She said it was great meeting new neighbors and helping them.

21. Remarks from Mayor Wescott.

Ald. Moore thanked Mayor Wescott for his 12 years of dedicated public service. He said the citizens of Stevens Point extend their profound thanks, appreciation and gratitude to Gary W. Wescott.

Mayor Wescott was impressed with the number of attendees at his open house earlier this evening. The Mayor said one of the key goals 12 years ago was to position the City on solid financial ground and that has been accomplished. He also added that the City has had a 70 percent increase in equalized value. The long term strategic planning and the city's comprehensive plan were adopted. He said the Master Plan for the City was prepared. The Mayor said a good paramedic service has always been of high importance to him. He stated a new conference center and revitalization of an existing business were completed to attract tourists to Stevens Point. Mayor Wescott thanked the Council, all City employees and Department Heads for their hard work. As the Mayor, he has had the blessing of 12 years of supportive Common Councils. He is especially grateful for his wife, Mary and family. The Mayor would like to think that 12 years ago we took a City and in 12 years built it into a community.

Senator Lassa thanked Mayor Wescott for his 12 years of public service. The Senator recognized Mayor Wescott for his dedication to the citizens of Stevens Point by presenting him with a citation of commendation.

Mayor Wescott awarded Mayor Elect Halverson with his first gavel to use wisely and govern freely and fairly.

22. Adjournment - 8:00 P.M.

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