

Meeting Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting

May 21, 2007, 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, County-City Building

Mayor Andrew Halverson, presiding Roll Call: Present: Ald. Myers, Walther, Hanson, Wiza, Heart, 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, Kari Yenter, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

Index to these minutes:

2. Salute to the Flag and Mayor's opening remarks.
3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of April 16, 2007 and the Reorganization Common Council meeting of April 17, 2007.
4. Resolution - Correction of appointee's term of office - Fire and Police Commission -William Nuck.
5. 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.
6. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.
7. Plan Commission meeting of May 7, 2007.
8. Public hearing - Request of Hospitality Group of Central Wisconsin LLC, 1001 Amber Ave., to Expand the Premises as a Conditional Use.
9. Resolution on the above.
10. Public hearing - Request of Peace United Church of Christ, 1748 Dixon St., to Reconstruct an Open Porch as a Conditional Use.
11. Resolution on the above.
12. Public hearing - Request of Zodiac Investments LLP, 3700 Doolittle Dr., to Construct an 8-Unit Apartment Building as a Conditional Use.
13. Resolution on the above.
14. Public hearing - Amendment of zoning ordinance Ch. 23 and Building Code Ch. 30- placement of fences.
15. Ordinance on the above.
16. Public hearing - Request of Tony's Landscaping, 701 Mason St., to Operate a Trucking and Excavation Contractor's Business as a Conditional Use.
17. Resolution on the above.
18. Public hearing - Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance which would classify the following territory as "R-1" Suburban Single Family Zoning: Lot 12 - Heritage Estates located in Sec. 35 T24 R8.
19. Ordinance on the above.
20. Resolution - Designation of 1417 Main Street as a local Historical Landmark.
21. Public Protection Committee meeting of May 14, 2007.
22. Ordinance Amendment - Curfew.
23. Board of Public Works meeting of May 14, 2007.
24. Resolution - Grade separation at the Country Club Drive/Hoover Road Railroad Crossing.
25. Ordinance Amendment - Stop signs - Installation of signs on Windy Drive at Elizabeth Avenue (both east and west).
26. Ordinance Amendment - No Parking - Creation of subsections 283 through 289 of Section 9.05(g).
27. Ordinance Amendment - Stop signs - Creation of subsections 748 through 752 of section 9.06(a).
28. Finance Committee meeting of May 14, 2007.
29. Ordinance Amendment - Animal licenses.
30. Special Finance Committee meeting of May 21, 2007.
31. Special Personnel Committee meeting of April 11, 2007.
32. Special Personnel Committee meeting of May 9, 2007.
33. Joint Finance Committee / Board of Parks Commission meeting of May 2, 2007.
34. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of May 14, 2007.
35. Ordinance - Surrogate Appointment of Office.
36. Reports: Police and Fire Commission meeting of May 15, 2007. Statutory monthly financial reports of the Comptroller-Treasurer. Transportation Commission meeting May 3, 2007.
37. Mayoral Appointments: Board of Review - Appoint Dennis Nash (expires 5-1-09) Board of Review - Appoint Ann Shannon (expires 5-1-10) Historic Preservation /Design Review Commission - Tim Siebert (expires 5-1-08)
38. Adjournment.

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

Mayor Halverson introduced Elizabeth Wescott.

Liz Wescott represents the American Legion as the 2007 Poppy Princess. Ms. Wescott said Memorial Day is the time to remember the important sacrifices that our Veterans have made. She noted the red poppy is the symbol of strength and sacrifice which goes back to World War I.

Mayor Halverson read and presented Elizabeth Wescott with a proclamation.

Mayor Halverson said it has been an honor to be elected as Mayor. The Mayor has had the opportunity to meet with several businesses in the city. He also had the opportunity to meet with all the alderpersons to discuss their priorities, ideas and concerns. The Mayor stated aggressive dialog has been started on the mall revitalization. Mayor Halverson and C/T Schlice have already begun conversation on the 2008 budget.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to move Item #33 - Joint Finance Committee/Board of Park Commission meeting of May 2, 2007, further up on the agenda to item #7.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Myers, Walther, Hanson, Wiza, Heart, Slowinski, Molski, Stroik, Barber, Moore.

Nays: Ald. Trzebiatowski.

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of April 16, 2007 and the Reorganization Common Council meeting of April 17, 2007.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the regular Common Council minutes of April 16, 2007 and Reorganization Common Council minutes of April 17, 2007.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

4. Resolution - Correction of appointee's term of office - Fire and Police Commission -William Nuck.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the correction of appointee's term of office for the Police and Fire Commission for William Nuck.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. *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.

John Jury Item #7 - Joint Finance Committee/Board of Park Commission 935 Old Wausau Road meeting of May 2, 2007
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Tim Schertz Item #28 - Finance Committee meeting of May 14, 2007
1016 Main Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Reid Rocheleau Item #28 - Finance Committee meeting of May 14, 2007
408 Cedar Street
Whiting, WI

Mary Ann Laszewski Item #28 - Finance Committee meeting of May 14, 2007
1209 Wisconsin Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Doug Radtke Item #28 - Finance Committee meeting of May 14, 2007
3800 Heffron Street Item #30- Special Finance Committee meeting of May 21, 2007
Stevens Point, WI 54481 Item #31 - Special Personnel Committee meeting of April 11, 2007
Item #32 - Special Personnel Committee meeting of May 9, 2007

David James Item #28 - Finance Committee meeting of May 14, 2007
1257 Main Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

C. J. Robinson Item #7 - Joint Finance Committee/Board of Park Commission
1600 Fremont Street meeting of May 2, 2007
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Scott Winn Item #7 - Joint Finance Committee/Board of Park Commission
907 Minnesota Avenue meeting of May 2, 2007
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Jami Gebert Item #6 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
2941 Kozy Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Rich Spreda Item #7 - Joint Finance Committee/Board of Park Commission
2709 Prais Street meeting of May 2, 2007
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Marcy Kirsch Item #7 - Joint Finance Committee/Board of Park Commission
2801 Sims Avenue meeting of May 2, 2007
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Betsy Altenburg Item #14 - Public Hearing - placement of fences
1701 Clark Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Ald. Wiza Item #6 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
District 4

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

Jami Gebert, 2941 Kozy Street, announced that surveys can be completed on your ideas and opinions for the downtown.

Ald. Wiza reminded everyone that the Portage County Humane Society is having a fund raiser at Club 10 on Friday, May 25, 2007.

New item #7-

33. Joint Finance Committee / Board of Parks Commission meeting of May 2, 2007.

John Jury, 935 Old Wausau Road, said the committee was comprised of twelve members and many hours of work were put into their decisions. Mr. Jury stated 17 proposals were received. He noted that 65% of the funds were allocated for projects, 15% for planned maintenance of the projects, 10% to community arts, and 10% to special events.

C. J. Robinson, 1600 Fremont Street, is a member of the Room Tax Committee. Mr. Robinson said the members dedicated time and consideration when reviewing the proposals.

Scott Winn, 907 Minnesota Avenue, asked the Council to move forward with the recommendation of the Room Tax Committee.

Rich Spreda, 2709 Prais Street, is concerned with the language in the room tax funding proposal. Mr. Spreda said the groups asking for the funds should put their hard work together and raise the funds themselves.

Marcy Kirsch, 2801 Sims Avenue, is a neighbor to the proposed skateboard park. Ms. Kirsch feels the Skateboard Committee had misrepresented the use of the proposed skateboard park and their requests for room tax dollars.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said all the calls he received were against the funding for the skateboard park.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Barber seconded, to accept all of the recommendations of the Room Tax Committee via the Joint Board of Parks Commission and Finance Committee meeting with the exception of the 2008-2009 allocation of the skateboard park reducing the \$50,000 in matching funds to \$25,000 in matching funds in each year; the \$25,000 that you save by that reduction in 2008 and 2009 would be shifted to the reserve fund; and withhold any funding for the Skateboard Park Committee until the totality of the funds are raised to build a facility in its entirety.

Ald. Stroik asked what is the purpose of the matching funds. The alderman asked how the competitions at the skateboard park will be regulated. He also asked if competitions will be pursued as an opportunity to bring in revenue.

Director Schrader said the competitions will run through the Park Commission. The Director stated this is done at all of the park facilities.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for an amendment to separate all debate on any other room tax allocations and reserve the debate on the skateboard park as a separate entity.

Ald. Hanson would like clarifications on the two motions.

City Attorney Molepske explained the process for separation of the question.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Barber, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Walther, Myers.

Nays: Ald. Wiza, Hanson.

Ald. Heart abstained. Ayes - 8. Nays - 2. Motion carried.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve all the recommendations of the Board of Park Commissioners and Finance Committee with the exception of the skateboard park proposal.

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

Nays: None.

Ald. Heart abstained.

Ald. Wiza said all of the calls he received were in favor of this proposal. He said the current proposal is matching funds so they will have to go out and do some of the fund raising work on their own.

Ald. Barber agrees that there needs to be a skateboard park, but does not like the location. The alderman feels \$25,000 per year is sufficient.

Ald. Trzebiatowski does not have a problem with the start up funds. The alderman asked if the Comptroller/Treasurer knew of previous situations where projects have been started and never completed and the City had to fund the project.

C/T Schlice stated there have been a couple of instances where pledges were not honored.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said the City needs to be assured that the project will be completed.

Ald. Walther noted only the allocation of funds is being discussed this evening.

Ald. Heart said the Room Tax Committee put a lot of work into their decision.

Ald. Stroik does not want construction to start until all the funds are secured.

Mayor Halverson believes the motion before the Council outlines that no construction will begin until the funds are secured.

Ald. Molski encouraged the Council to vote against the motion and support the decision of the Room Tax Committee.

Ald. Hanson said most of his constituents are enthusiastic about the skateboard park.

Ald. Moore noted that he was on the Room Tax Committee. The alderman understands Ald. Trzebiatowski's motion to mean they cannot start building until all the funds are raised.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Myers, Walther, Trzebiatowski, Barber, Moore.

Nays: Ald. Hanson, Wiza, Heart, Slowinski, Molski, Stroik.

Ayes - 5. Nays - 6. Motion defeated.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the allocation as stated by the Room Tax Committee for the funding for the skateboard park.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to amend the motion to include no construction can be made until the totality of funds is raised.

The following is the vote on the amendment to the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes majority.

Nays minority.

It was the opinion of the Chair that the motion passed.

Ald. Barber would like to see the people asking for the funds to put forth the initiative to succeed before the City administers the funds.

Ald. Myers reiterated that construction cannot begin until the funds are raised.

Ald. Stroik asked if the funds are not raised, would the funds revert into a reserve account.

C/T Schlice said it would be taken care of the next time the Room Tax Committee meets.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Stroik, Molski, Slowinski, Heart, Wiza, Hanson, Walther, Myers.

Nays: Ald. Barber, Trzebiatowski.

Ayes - 9. Nays - 2. Motion carried.

7. Plan Commission meeting of May 7, 2007.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, to approve all action taken by the Plan Commission on May 7, 2007 and place the minutes on file.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

8. Public hearing - Request of Hospitality Group of Central Wisconsin LLC, 1001 Amber Ave., to Expand the Premises as a Conditional Use.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

9. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the request of Hospitality Group of Central Wisconsin LLC to expand the premises as a conditional use.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Public hearing - Request of Peace United Church of Christ, 1748 Dixon St., to Reconstruct an Open Porch as a Conditional Use.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

11. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Myers moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to pass the request of Peace United Church of Christ to reconstruct an open porch as a conditional use.

Ald. Wiza asked if it is necessary to use treated lumber since it will be stained or painted.

Director Gardner said they have the option to use regular wood.

Ald. Myers suggested using treated lumber because it will last longer.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Public hearing - Request of Zodiac Investments LLP, 3700 Doolittle Dr., to Construct an 8-Unit Apartment Building as a Conditional Use.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, voiced her concerns on the design of the building, number of bedrooms per unit, storm water runoff, landscaping, location of the dumpster, and parking. Ms. Laszewski is also concerned that this development is adjacent to family apartments.

Jackson Case, 3028 Stanley Street, stated the development meets the zoning requirements. Mr. Case previously submitted a landscaping plan and explained additional trees will be planted.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, voiced his concerns on mixed uses and the number of bedrooms per unit for this development. Mr. Rocheleau said the developer is not interested in the quality of life in this community.

Scott Gile, 5756 Kingfisher Drive, is a businessman delivering a product that people want. Mr. Gile said the demand is for multiple bedroom apartments. He said renting a one bedroom apartment is too costly.

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

13. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Stroik questioned why the dumpster needs to be in the front of the complex and if there is ample room for emergency vehicles to enter and exit.

Director Gardner said the Plan Commission felt the screening around the dumpster was sufficient. The Director said the property owner did not want the dumpster in the rear of the building because of the early morning garbage collection and the possibility of creating a traffic problem. The drainage has been discussed but a final grading plan has not been finalized. The Director said there is adequate access for emergency vehicles.

Ald. Stroik feels it would be better to have something other than the fence to screen the dumpster. The alderman would like to know if some of the trees could be kept to help screen the dumpster.

Director Gardner said if the supporting trees around them are cut the remaining pines won't last long.

Ald. Barber moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the request of Zodiac Investments to construct an 8-unit apartment building as a conditional use at 3700 Doolittle Drive.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Barber, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Heart, Wiza, Hanson, Walther, Myers.

Nays: Ald. Slowinski.

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

14. Public hearing - Amendment of zoning ordinance Ch. 23 and Building Code Ch. 30- placement of fences.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Betsy Altenburg, 1701 Clark Street, wants to replace the fence on their busy corner lot for noise and privacy reasons.

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

15. Ordinance on the above.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, to change the Zoning Ordinance Ch. 23 and Building Code Ch. 30 - placement of fences on corner lots.

Ald. Barber said let the property owners have their yard and place the fence where they would like it.

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

Nays: Ald. Myers.

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

16. Public hearing - Request of Tony's Landscaping, 701 Mason St., to Operate a Trucking and Excavation Contractor's Business as a Conditional Use.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, said additional conditions should be in place for this request such as fencing, one entryway, hours of operation and lighting. Mr. Rocheleau said the Council needs to add conditions so we have a proper business in this residential area.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, compared this request with Constructs property in the Industrial Park. Ms. Laszewski is concerned with hours of operation, landscaping, storm water runoff plan, soil contamination, guardrails, access to the property and fencing. She would also like a sunset clause in place for this request.

David James, 1257 Main Street, said this is an appropriate location for this business. Attorney James said the owner currently operates his business across from a residential area. He said the neighbors did not have any complaints with his business. Attorney James said the owner will have plantings so the business is appropriately screened. He said the storage of materials will be mainly in the back of the property.

Ald. Barber asked what the hours of operation will be.

Gary Karner, 2367 Shady Lane, said the hours are usually between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

David James added that the previous business had a lot of trucks in and out. This business will be an improvement to the area.

Gary Karner said the trucks usually haul from this location during the morning and the work is being done during the day outside of the business location.

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

17. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Barber moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for approval of the property at 701 Mason Street to be Tony's Landscaping.

City Attorney Molepske explained the land description which is attached to the resolution. The City Attorney said it includes all of lot 1 of the survey together with a portion of lot 2 which is north of the south line of the easement as noted on the survey map.

Ald. Stroik said Mr. Karner is a good neighbor in the area that he currently operates his business.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to make an amendment to include a one year sunset clause and establish the hours of operation to 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Ald. Barber disagrees with the amendment. The alderman does not agree that the Council set the hours of operation for any business.

Ald. Slowinski agrees this is an acceptable area for this business. The alderman would like to see fencing in the front of the business.

Ald. Wiza asked Ald. Stroik if he would agree to an amendment to his amendment to forgo the hours of operation.

Ald. Stroik agreed with the amendment.

The amended motion is as follows:

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to make an amendment to the original motion to include a one year sunset clause.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked Ald. Barber to accept the sunset clause as the friendly amendment to the original motion.

Ald. Barber accepted the amendment.

The motion now reads as follows:

Ald. Barber moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for approval of the property at 701 Mason Street to be Tony's Landscaping with an amendment to include a one year sunset clause.

Ald. Heart suggested taking the time to finalize the concerns that have been raised.

Ald. Moore disagrees stating the homework has already been done.

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

Nays: Ald. Heart.

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

18. Public hearing - Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance which would classify the following territory as "R-1" Suburban Single Family Zoning: Lot 12 - Heritage Estates located in Sec. 35 T24 R8.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

19. Ordinance on the above.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the amendment of the Zoning Ordinance which would classify the territory as "R-1" Suburban Single Family Zoning: Lot 12 - Heritage Estates located in Sec. 35 T24 R8.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Resolution - Designation of 1417 Main Street as a local Historical Landmark.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, to designate 1417 Main Street as a local Historical Landmark.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

21. Public Protection Committee meeting of May 14, 2007.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Heart seconded, to affirm the action taken by the Public Protection Committee and place the minutes on file.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

22. Ordinance Amendment - Curfew.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the ordinance amending the current curfew ordinance.

Doug Radtke, 3800 Heffron Street, stated we tell our young people to grow up and accept responsibility but with this ordinance, it will remove the opportunity for them to be responsible in public areas between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Mr. Radtke knows the reason for the ordinance is to be in agreement with Plover and Portage County.

Ald. Trzebiatowski is in favor of this amendment to the ordinance. The alderman said the police need a tool to use when problems arise during these hours.

Ald. Stroik added this curfew is for 16 years of age and younger.

Ald. Walther noted this is simply a modification to the current ordinance.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

23. Board of Public Works meeting of May 14, 2007.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of May 14, 2007.

Ald. Stroik noted this month's Board of Public Works minutes contained mostly the motions. He asked that in the future, the minutes reflect more of the comments made at the meeting.

Mayor Halverson said he will make sure more thorough minutes are taken.

Ald. Trzebiatowski noted he was present at the meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Heart, Wiza, Hanson, Walther, Myers.

Nays: None.

Ald. Barber was not present during the vote. Motion carried.

24. Resolution - Grade separation at the Country Club Drive/Hoover Road Railroad Crossing.

Mayor Halverson said the intention of this resolution is to send it to all the other municipalities in the area that are members of the Urban Streets Advisory Committee. The Mayor presented the resolution to move forward with the analysis and study of grade separation.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the resolution - grade separation at the Country Club Drive/Hoover Road railroad crossing.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

25. Ordinance Amendment - Stop signs - Installation of signs on Windy Drive at Elizabeth Avenue (both east and west).

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Molski seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment -stop signs - installation of signs on Windy Drive at Elizabeth Avenue both east and west.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

26. Ordinance Amendment - No Parking - Creation of subsections 283 through 289 of Section 9.05(g).

Ald. Heart moved, Ald. Barber seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment creating subsections 283 through 289 of section 9.05(g).

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

27. Ordinance Amendment - Stop signs - Creation of subsections 748 through 752 of section 9.06(a).

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to create subsections, dealing with stop signs, 748 through 752 of section 9.06(a).

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

28. Finance Committee meeting of May 14, 2007.

Tim Schertz, 1016 Main Street, explained why work already started on this property. Mr. Schertz already had a company hired to do work at the Executive Place so to keep costs down, they did the work at both places.

Ald. Myers asked if the rest of the work will be completed.

Tim Schertz said the remainder of the lot will be finished with asphalt.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, questioned the process taken to purchase the land from Tony's Landscaping.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, encouraged the Council to purchase the entire lot. Ms. Laszewski questions the appropriateness of the City Attorney negotiating conditions including granting side access. She believes only the Plan Commission and Council have the authority to put conditions in place.

David James, 1257 Main Street, urged the Council to approve the Finance Committee minutes and the deal worked out between the City and Tony's Landscaping.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, to affirm the action taken by the Finance Committee on May 14, 2007 and place the minutes on file.

Ald. Wiza was in favor of soliciting bids because it was the fair thing to do.

Ald. Barber is in favor of this location for Tony's Landscaping.

Ald. Walther reminded everyone that the Finance Committee approved the purchase of land from Tony's Landscaping.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

29. Ordinance Amendment - Animal licenses.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for approval of the ordinance amendment for animal licenses.

Ald. Trzebiatowski questioned the difference in fees for cat and dog licenses.

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

30. Special Finance Committee meeting of May 21, 2007.

Clerk Moe read the minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting of May 21, 2007.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Myers seconded, to approve and affirm the action taken by the Special Finance Committee meeting of May 21, 2007, approving the Mayor to sign a contract for assessment services and to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for completion of the 2007 real and personal property tax assessment rolls not to exceed \$20,000.

Doug Radtke, 3800 Heffron Street, said it is unfortunate that the City did not pursue requests for proposals. The Council would have had a much better idea of what is associated with the contract for assessment if a RFP was prepared. Mr. Radtke hopes the contractor is able to complete the job in two months as stated so the assessment roll is ready in time for the next Board of Review.

Ald. Trzebiatowski attended a couple of the interviews for Assessor. The alderman believes part of the reason the employment was turned down by prospective assessors was the uncertainty of their position if a RFP was considered.

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

31. Special Personnel Committee meeting of April 11, 2007.

Doug Radtke, 3800 Heffron Street, understands that seven candidates applied for City Assessor. Mr. Radtke said four of them were interviewed for a first interview and two were interviewed for a second time. He noted the reason Ms. Edwards declined the position was because the City could not meet her wage and fringe benefit requirements.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to affirm the action taken by the Special Personnel Committee and placing the minutes on file.

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

32. Special Personnel Committee meeting of May 9, 2007.

Doug Radtke, 3800 Heffron Street, noted that Mr. Chaneske was contacted and offered the position of Assessor which he verbally accepted. Mr. Radtke noted that Mr. Chaneske then contacted the Personnel Specialist on May 15 to rescind his acceptance due to his family's unwillingness to relocate. He cannot understand how you can have two interviews with a person, offer them the position and then that person declines on the basis of not wanting to move to Stevens Point. Mr. Radtke believes there is something wrong with the interview procedure.

Ald. Hanson stated the individual was told about moving to the city and the salary for the position. The alderman said the individual was looking forward to moving up here and the salary was acceptable. He said the first individual was offered the position then decided she wanted more than what was offered for the salary and additional benefits.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to affirm the actions taken by the Special Personnel Committee of May 9, 2007 and placing the minutes on file.

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

33. Joint Finance Committee / Board of Parks Commission meeting of May 2, 2007.

Mayor Halverson stated this item ceases to exist as it was moved up in the order of the agenda.

34. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of May 14, 2007.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Barber seconded, to affirm the action taken by the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners and placing the minutes on file.

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

35. Ordinance - Surrogate Appointment of Office.

Mayor Halverson said the reason for this ordinance is if an alderperson cannot fulfill the meeting of a commission outside of standing committees of the City, this would authorize him the flexibility to appoint a surrogate in the absence of that alderperson. The Mayor noted it would only be in reference to commissions and committees where alderpersons specifically are appointed as the members.

Ald. Myers moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, to accept the ordinance for surrogate appointment of office.

Ald. Wiza noted the ordinance does not specify it is just for alderpersons. The alderman would like to know why this is needed.

Mayor Halverson said this would be for extenuating circumstances. The Mayor said if it is known that someone cannot attend a particular meeting, a surrogate could take their place. He said the intent of the ordinance was to grant him the flexibility to be able to do this on a short term notice. The Mayor said the way the ordinance is written is broad and does specify for alderpersons only.

Ald. Stroik said the Plan Commission went without a member for several months. The alderman wants to know if this ordinance would allow the Mayor to put in a temporary Plan Commissioner.

City Attorney Molepske replied, no, it would only apply to Advisory committees.

Ald. Moore is not comfortable with this ordinance.

Ald. Trzebiatowski is also uncomfortable with the way the ordinance is written.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Myers.

Nays: Ald. Walther, Hanson, Wiza, Heart, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, Stroik, Barber, Moore.

Ayes - 1. Nays - 10. Motion defeated.

36. Reports:

Police and Fire Commission meeting of May 15, 2007.

Statutory monthly financial reports of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Transportation Commission meeting May 3, 2007.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the Police and Fire Commission minutes of May 15, 2007, statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer and Transportation Commission minutes of May 3, 2007.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

37. Mayoral Appointments:

Board of Review - Appoint Dennis Nash (expires 5-1-09) Board of Review - Appoint Ann Shannon (expires 5 -1-10)

Historic Preservation /Design Review Commission - Tim Siebert (expires 5-1-08)

Ald. Hanson moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the Mayoral appointments as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

38. Adjournment - 9:55 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.

Bottom of Form