

Meeting Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting

June 18, 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, Moore
Excused: Ald. Barber

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

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

Mayor Halverson noted the change of time for the Plan Commission meeting to 6:00 p.m. and the on-site visits before the meeting.

Mayor Halverson reported that the Assessor's office is on schedule for the August Board of Review meeting.

Mayor Halverson announced that he and Ald. Trzebiatowski will hold a 7th District listening session at the Oakridge Senior Facility on Thursday.

Mayor Halverson said he has begun discussing the issues of a new Justice Center with the County Executive.

Mayor Halverson announced that the first meeting of an environmental task force would likely occur in the next week. The task force is designed in part to decide if Stevens Point will become an ecomunicipality.

Mayor Halverson said he is trying to move the location for the July committee meetings to the Lincoln Center.

Mayor Halverson stated there are numerous business developments in the works for the City.

Mayor Halverson announced there is an open aldermanic seat in the 10th District. He said if anyone is interested, they should submit a letter of intent to the Mayor or City Clerk stating they would like to be placed on the ballot which will be on the July Council agenda. The Mayor said the Council will make the decision who the replacement will be for the 10th District alderperson.

Mayor Halverson commended the Department Heads for the actions taken in a fairly tense emergency situation last week.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of May 21, 2007.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the minutes of the regular Common Council meeting of May 21, 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.

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Roger Hackler Item #5 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
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Ald. Norm Myers Item #5 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
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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.

Brian Brooks, 3248 Lindbergh Avenue, informed the Council of his intent to be placed on the ballot for 10th District Alderperson. Mr. Brooks said the City is a great community and a safe place to live. He is enthusiastic about the City keeping in mind the safety of the citizens and their families.

Roger Hackler, 1025 Park Street, is concerned about the safety of the firefighters who sleep on duty and do not get enough sleep when there are emergencies with the rattling of buildings from loud cars.

Ald. Norm Myers suggested painting yellow lines by the driveways of the properties in the university area to prevent cars from parking too close to the driveways.

6. Hearing on John Timm's "Class B" Beer and Liquor license, 200 Isadore Street.

Mayor Halverson read a letter submitted by John L. Timm relinquishing his "Class B" Beer and Liquor license at 200 Isadore Street effective June 30, 2007. The Mayor said the letter states that Mr. Timm does not request a hearing on the non-renewal or renewal of his license.

7. Consideration of minutes and actions taken by the Plan Commission meeting of June 4, 2007.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, said the on-site tours were valuable but is concerned with the possibility of a closed meeting. Ms. Dugan suggested scheduling the tours at a later time the evening of the meeting or even a day or week prior to the Plan Commission meeting.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, to affirm the action taken by the Plan Commission on June 4, 2007 and placing the minutes on file.

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

8. Public hearing - Request of John and Wendy Dolan, 318 Washington Ave., to Construct a Garage as a Conditional Use.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

John Dolan, 318 Washington Avenue, asked the Council to allow him to build a garage. Mr. Dolan said it will be a carriage type building that will compliment his home. He is trying to improve his property and the neighborhood.

Ald. Wiza asked about the size of the garage.

John Dolan said the garage will be 850 to 900 square feet and the remaining portion of the building will be the entrance to the second story wood shop. He said the building will be attached to his home.

Ald. Myers asked how far away the east lot line will be.

John Dolan replied it is 25' to 30'.

Ald. Myers noted there will not be access to the alley.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, feels this request to construct a garage is too large. Ms. Dugan is concerned that there is no brick or metal roof on the garage to compliment the house. She is also concerned with the lack of windows.

Wendy Dolan, 318 Washington Avenue, said they would like to construct a building that compliments their home to house their equipment and wood shop.

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

9. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, on the resolution declaring the request for John and Wendy Dolan, 318 Washington Ave., to construct a garage as a conditional use.

Ald. Wiza did not receive any complaints from the neighbors. The alderman commends the property owners for wanting to improve their property.

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

10. Public hearing - Request of Guillermo Penafiel, 2009 Main St., to Construct a Garage as a Conditional Use.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Guillermo Penafiel, 2009 Main Street, said he would like to replace his 1½ stall garage with a two stall garage. Mr. Penafiel said the garage would have an 8/12 pitch roof and sided with cedar.

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

11. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to approve the request of Guillermo Penafiel, 2009 Main Street, to construct a garage as a conditional use.

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

12. Public hearing - Request of Ron Nowacki, 332 Walker St., to Expand an Existing Building 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.

13. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the request of Ron Nowacki, 332 Walker Street, to expand an existing building as a conditional use.

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

14. Public hearing - Request of Express Recycling, 801C Francis St., to Operate a Recycling Center as a Conditional Use.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Joe Kozicki, 430 First Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, is requesting to continue to operate his Recycling Center as required as part of the conditional use. Mr. Kozicki said the only alteration is to allow a semi to be parked at the loading dock in place of the straight truck.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, is concerned with the amount of traffic and the buffer between the business and the residential homes.

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

15. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Heart seconded, to authorize the request of Express Recycling, 801C Francis Street, to operate a Recycling Center as a conditional use.

Ald. Stroik asked if the semi trailers have signage.

Joe Kozicki, 430 First Avenue, said they have a three trailer rotation. He stated two of the trailers are plain and one trailer has a recycling logo on it. Mr. Kozicki said he does not have a lot of control on what the transportation company puts on their trailers.

Ald. Myers asked how often the trailers are rotated.

Joe Kozicki said about once per week possibly more.

Ald. Wiza talked with the neighbors and they had very little concern with the business. The alderman said the business is clean and orderly.

Ald. Trzebiatowski is in favor of granting the resolution to operate the Recycling Center.

Ald. Myers asked if there is a fence along the area where the trailer is parked.

Joe Kozicki said there is a fence but he does believe it will rise above the trailer.

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

16. Public hearing - Ordinance Amendment - Amend Section 23.02(4)(d)3.1 Location of New Antennas and Co-Location of Antennas.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

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

17. Ordinance Amendment on the above.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to approve the Ordinance amendment relating to the location of new antennas and co-location of antennas.

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

18. Public hearing - Request of U. S. Cellular, 5348 Hwy. 10 E., to Erect a Telecommunication Tower as a Conditional Use.

The public hearing was declared open by the Mayor.

Jim Weinmann, 2310 Mill Street, New London, said this request goes hand in hand with the previous ordinance amendment. Mr. Weinmann said each antenna can only handle a certain number of calls. He said if there are not enough antennas servicing the area then calls are missed. Mr. Weinmann said there is a lot of traffic along Highway 10 and there is a need for an antenna.

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

19. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Myers seconded, to erect a Telecommunication Tower as a conditional use at 5348 Highway 10 E.

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

20. Consideration of minutes and actions taken by the Public Protection Committee meeting of June 11, 2007.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the actions and minutes taken by the Public Protection Committee.

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

21. Consideration of minutes and actions taken by the Personnel Committee meeting of June 11, 2007.

Ald. Hanson moved, Ald. Molski seconded, to place the minutes on file and approve the actions taken by the Personnel Committee at their meeting on June 11, 2007.

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

22. Consideration of minutes and actions taken by the Special Personnel Committee meeting of June 18, 2007.

Clerk Moe read the minutes of the Special Personnel Committee meeting of June 18, 2007.

Ald. Hanson moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the minutes and action taken by the Special Personnel Committee on June 18, 2007.

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

23. Consideration of minutes and actions taken by the Board of Public Works meeting of June 11, 2007.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, said there is a need for sidewalks on Frontenac Avenue as well as other areas in the city.

Mayor Halverson said this will be addressed in 2008.

Ald. Stroik said the Board of Public Works minutes are vague. The Alderman said sidewalks are important but first an infill plan should be in place.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to approve the actions taken and place the minutes on file from the Board of Public Works meeting of June 11, 2007.

Ald. Molski said the memo from C/T Schlice states the total repair cost eligible for insurance reimbursement is now \$142,729.

Mayor Halverson said the initial amount did not include the HVAC system.

C/T Schlice said he issued the memo to clarify the final amount.

Ald. Heart would like the minutes corrected to reflect that she voted no on item #4 at the Board of Public Works meeting.

Ald. Moore would like to know if the memo sent out by C/T Schlice is included in the motion with the actions taken by the Committee last week.

City Attorney Molepske said if it is a set amount, then it would have to be changed. The City Attorney said if it is not and it was understood that if there is more insurance, the amount would change accordingly.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

24. Preliminary Resolution - Special Assessments for installation of Bituminous Concrete - DuBay Avenue from the 1800 block through the 2000 block.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the Preliminary Resolution for special assessments for installation of bituminous concrete - DuBay Avenue from 1800 block through the 2000 block.

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

25. Preliminary Resolution - Installation of Sanitary Sewer and Water Main at 5707 Highway 10 E - Installation of Street Improvements and Right of Way Acquisition for Elizabeth Avenue.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to approve the installation of sanitary sewer and water main at 5707 Highway 10 E and installation of street improvements and right of way acquisition for Elizabeth Avenue.

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

26. Preliminary Resolution - Installation of Curb and Gutter - Frontenac Avenue from Center Street to Oak Street, College Avenue to Prais Street, Stanley Street to Jordan Lane.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to approve the preliminary resolution for installation of curb and gutter - Frontenac Avenue from Center Street to Oak Street, College Avenue to Prais Street, Stanley Street to Jordan Lane.

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

27. Consideration of minutes and actions taken by the Finance Committee meeting of June 11, 2007.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the actions taken and place the minutes on file from the Finance Committee meeting of June 11, 2007.

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

28. Consideration of minutes and actions taken by the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of June 11, 2007.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the actions taken by the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners and place the minutes on file from their meeting of June 11, 2007.

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

29. Consideration of minutes and actions taken by the Board of Review meeting of May 22, 2007.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, to approve the actions and accept the minutes and place them on file.

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

30. Mayoral appointments:

Ambulance Advisory Group

Appoint Ald. George Hanson 1901 Clark Street

Appoint Ald. Norm Myers Sr. 416 Union Street

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the appointment of Ald. George Hanson and Ald. Norm Myers Sr. to the Ambulance Advisory Group for Portage County.

Ald. Stroik asked what is the purpose and goal to the Stevens Point ambulance service.

Mayor Halverson said this is an advisory group to provide suggestions and ways to improve the service.

Ald. Myers said the group will also be looking at the ambulance that will be housed in the county.

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

Nays: None.

Ald. Myers and Ald. Hanson abstained. Ayes - 8. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

31. Consideration of minutes and actions taken by the:

Police and Fire Commission meeting of June 12, 2007.

Statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Transportation Commission meeting June 6, 2007.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approving the actions taken and placing the minutes on file from the Police and Fire Commission, placing on file the statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer and approving the actions taken and placing the minutes on file from the Transportation Commission meeting of June 6, 2007.

Ald. Walther said there has been serious discussion about acquiring a trolley bus and partnering with the Downtown Business Association on the

purchase of the trolley.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

32. Adjournment - 8:13 P.M.

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