

Meeting Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting

February 20, 2006, 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, County-City Building

Mayor Gary W. Wescott, presiding Roll Call: Present: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Hanson, Wiza, Robinson, Barr, 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, Assessor Kuehn, Transit Manager Lemke, Personnel Specialist Jakusz, Kari Yenter, Bobbi Blechschmidt, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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28. Adjournment.

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

Mayor Wescott reminded everyone of the Primary Election tomorrow and to place your vote for a new County Executive and School Board members.

Mayor Wescott noted information on the Taxpayers Protection Amendment is available on the city's website stevenspoint.com. The Mayor encouraged everyone to review the information.

Mayor Wescott reminded the alderpersons of the Special Joint Portage County Board of Supervisors and City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms 1 & 2 of the Portage County Annex Building.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of January 16, 2006.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the regular Common Council minutes of January 16, 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

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Reid Rocheleau Item 16 - Board of Public Works of February 13, 2006

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Whiting, WI

C. J. Robinson Item 27 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
1600 Fremont Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Ald. Hans Walther Item 27 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

2424 Ellis Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

5. Presentation by Transit Manager Lemke on Public Transportation.

Transit Manager Lemke explained there are two types of services provided, fixed route and Point Plus which is door to door. She reviewed some of the accomplishments such as the new logo, renovation of the downtown bus plaza, placement of 150 new bus stop signs, and the U- Pass program at UWSP. The UWSP ridership has increased drastically. More youth and university students are using the bus service. The question was raised if bus service could be extended to Crossroad Commons. Village of Plover officials are working with the businesses to see if they are willing to provide funding for the service. There is a state statute that states no Transit Commission may provide service outside the corporate limits of the city unless the Transit Commission receives financial support for the service under a contract. Some of the future projects being considered are security cameras, an additional bus for the possible U-Pass program expansion, bus shelters throughout the city, increased collaboration with other transit agencies, and how to use public transportation video.

Ald. Barber asked if we are considering plans to combine with Plover to provide metro transportation system.

Transit Manager Lemke replied no, not at this time.

Mayor Wescott reiterated state law does not permit the city to cross lines into other communities without a contract and that community paying for the services.

6. Plan Commission meeting of February 6, 2006.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of February 6, 2006.

Ald. Wiza asked if there are plans to change the location of the dumpster that is located in front of the wall where the mural will be painted.

Mayor Wescott replied the dumpster will be relocated.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearing - amending Zoning Ordinance which would classify property located on Songbird Lane at Badger Avenue as "R-3" Two Family Zoning from "B-5" Highway Commercial Zoning, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

8. Ordinance on the above.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for adoption of the ordinance.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Public Hearing - Request of Cingular Wireless, 5217 Heffron Court, to erect a Telecommunication Tower as a conditional use, was declared open by the Mayor.

Robert Gust was available for any questions.

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

10. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for adoption of the resolution.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. Ordinance - Boundary Adjustment Annexation - 8.389 acres on Heffron Street between Lampman Drive and Hoover Road.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for adoption of the ordinance.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Public Protection Committee meeting of February 13, 2006.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for adoption of the Public Protection Committee minutes of February 13, 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

13. Ordinance amendment Installation and Operation of Emergency Alarm Systems.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for adoption of the ordinance.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Special Personnel Committee meeting of January 26, 2006.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, for approval of the Special Personnel Committee minutes of January 26, 2006.

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

15. Personnel Committee meeting of February 13, 2006.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Personnel Committee minutes of February 13, 2006.

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

16. Board of Public Works meeting of February 13, 2006.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of February 13, 2006.

Reid Rocheleau was concerned with the statements on the railroad signal project made at the Plan Commission meeting by Mayor Wescott and Director Euclide. He does not feel everyone was included in the planning stages. He stated there are still problems with the proposed plan. Mr. Rocheleau suggested that the City consider purchasing the entire Opiola building. He also voiced his concerns on how important non-mountable medians are and the enforcement of truck traffic.

Mayor Wescott said the Director of Public Works, City Planner, and City Surveyor have spent a lot of time working the formulas from the Federal Railroad Administration. The Mayor believes with the installation of additional safety enhancements on the rail corridor, the City will continue to move toward qualification as a quiet zone.

Ald. Barber agrees with the City purchasing properties to better align the route. He is disappointed that he was not notified of these pending plans.

Ald. Robinson feels it is a great plan for airport improvements, however, there are concerns with the City spending a lot of money to purchase restaurant equipment and furnishings. This money would not be matched by state or federal grants. The money would be much better spent on employee benefits, busing or city parks.

Mayor Wescott cautioned that we really cannot be making amendments to orders from the Railroad Commissioner's Office.

Director Euclide said the issue of medians can be discussed at a later time.

Ald. Stroik said the plan is good and he supports the quiet zone. In the future, the alderman hopes the City would look at some hazard elimination or non-mounted medians.

Director Gardner stated the area businesses clearly expressed they do not want non-mountable medians in front of their businesses.

Ald. Stroik said the community is ready for a quiet zone and hopes all steps are taken to accomplish this.

Mayor Wescott assured the alderpersons that numerous hours were spent working the formulas to qualify under the program.

Ald. Moore asked what were the costs per intersection to implement the quiet zone?

Director Euclide said the \$500,000 is the City's cost for all the intersections in addition to the quad gates.

Ald. Wiza asked why the City is even considering spending any money on putting a restaurant in the airport?

Mayor Wescott said this is a \$1.2 million project of which the City has successfully secured over \$1 million.

Director Euclide said the main reason for the restaurant is for an attraction to the airport and an additional revenue source.

Ald. Robinson feels the \$74,560 allocated for the restaurant equipment and furnishings should be the responsibility of the business owner. No other businesses are offered this to locate in our community. This is an unfair advantage we are giving to this business.

Director Euclide stated that he sees it as an investment as the property owner.

Mayor Wescott said the financial details will return to the Finance Committee. If something should happen with the restaurant, this facility could be converted into a meeting or convention and planning area.

Ald. Sevenich noted CWA did not have a restaurant when they first started but added the restaurant later. The restaurant will provide a place for the pilots to eat.

Ald. Robinson clarified that the Council will have another chance to approve the financials at a future Finance Committee.

Mayor Wescott replied that at some point, the agreement with the proprietor will have to be brought to the Finance Committee.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Barber, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Barr, Hanson, Walther, Sevenich.
Nays: Ald. Robinson, Wiza.
Ayes - 9. Nays - 2. Motion carried.

17. Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement with DOT - Business 51, STH 66, and US 10.

Ald. Hanson moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to approve the Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement with DOT - Business 51, STH 66, and US 10.

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

18. Relocation Order - Park Street.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to accept the Relocation Order - Park Street.

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

19. Public Hearing - Vacating a portion of Krembs Avenue - south of Coye Drive, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

20. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for adoption of the resolution.

Ald. Stroik asked why the resolutions to vacate Krembs Avenue and Division Street were before the Council again.

Director Gardner explained that state statute requires the vacation of a street be introduced at a Council meeting. Not less than 40 days after the introduction of the resolution, a public hearing and action are taken by the Council.

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

21. Public Hearing - Vacating a portion of Division Street - south of Maria Drive, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

22. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for adoption of the resolution.

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

23. Finance Committee meeting of February 13, 2006.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of February 13, 2006.

Ald. Walther asked why the additional funding for the EMS study is so much higher than the estimate.

Mayor Wescott said the original estimate that came from the EMS management was low.

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

24. Consideration of claims:

- A. Scott Springer.
- B. Mary Church.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to deny the claims for Scott Springer and Mary Church.

Ald. Barr asked why the consideration of claims are appearing as a separate agenda item.

City Clerk Moe said this issue has been the subject of discussion as to what procedure should be used for claims. In the past, they were listed as separate agenda items.

Mayor Wescott said the City Attorney will contact the Chairman of Finance for further input.

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

25. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of February 13, 2006.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of February 13, 2006.

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

26. Reports:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting of February 13, 2006.
- Statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.
- Transportation Commission meetings of January 12, 2006 and February 9, 2006.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, to accept the reports and place them on file.

Ald. Walther wanted to know if the policy on advertising on city buses needs to be incorporated as a city ordinance.

City Attorney Molepske said it is satisfactory that the policy be adopted by the Commission and Council.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Reid Rocheleau voiced concerns on a County Advisory Committee meeting held last Tuesday on the Justice Center. His main concern is the site location for the Justice Center. He stated that the City needs to find a location for the Justice Center if they want it to be located in the City.

Ald. Robinson announced the Stevens Point Skate Park Committee will meet on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 1007 Ellis Street.

Ald. Walther announced that he will be holding a Second District open house and listening session on Monday, February 27, 2006 at the Parks and Recreation Center.

Mayor Wescott reminded the members of the City Council of the Special Joint Portage County Board of Supervisors and City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms 1 & 2. The Mayor also pointed out the meeting that Mr. Rocheleau referred to was a county meeting and the county is responsible for public notice.

28. Adjournment - 8:15 P.M.

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