

Meeting Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting

April 17, 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, Halverson; Surveyor Hild, Police Chief Morris, Fire Chief Barnes, Transit Manager Lemke, Kari Yenter, Arborist Ziemann, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Heather Clark (Stevens Point Journal)

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

Mayor Wescott reminded the alderpersons of the Reorganization Meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the City Conference Room.

Mayor Wescott was notified that the \$2 million Phase II of the Hi-Rise project received its final approval. The Mayor reviewed a number of upcoming programs and projects for the next 90 days in the City of Stevens Point.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of March 20, 2006.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the Regular Common Council minutes of March 20, 2006.

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.

Mary Ann Laszewski Item #6 - Plan Commission meeting of April 3, 2006

1209 Wisconsin Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

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812 Division Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

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804 Division Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Mildred Neville Item #6 - Plan Commission meeting of April 3, 2006

1409 Franklin Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Ald. Trzebiatowski Item # 25 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

3309 McCulloch Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

5. Presentation of Tree City USA and Tree City USA Growth Awards by City Arborist Ziemann and Don Kissinger.

City Arborist Ziemann stated the City of Stevens Point is receiving its 25th Tree City USA and 7th Growth award. The Growth award is for Tree City USA communities that go above and beyond the basic Tree City requirements. Each tree in the City has been recorded and inventoried. Strong emphasis has been placed on training young trees for structure. The overall goal is to have a safe and healthy urban forest.

Don Kissinger said the Tree City USA program has been in existence for 30 years. Trees are the only part of a city's infrastructure that increase in value. In the State of Wisconsin, this year, there are 152 Tree City USA communities and 24 Growth Award recipients. Mr. Kissinger reviewed the four standards to be a candidate for the Tree City USA Award. He reviewed the benefits of trees such as energy savings, mitigation of storm water, pollution reduction, increased business and property values. The City of Stevens Point received a \$15,000 grant for planting, pruning and removal of trees in Iverson Park.

Don Kissinger presented Mayor Wescott with a 25th Tree City USA flag.

Mayor Wescott said the Tree City USA and Tree City USA Growth Awards are both very special awards. The City has an exceptional forestry program.

6. Plan Commission meeting of April 3, 2006.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, feels the minutes from the Plan Commission meeting of April 3, 2006, reflect an inaccurate quote regarding the current census for the block boarded by Division Street, Franklin Street, Prentice Street and Fourth Avenue. She prefers to break the block down by the 15 homes that have the character of a single family home and then the eight multiple units. Ms. Laszewski requested a second public hearing be held regarding this request.

Mayor Wescott clarified that the Council is only placing the Plan Commission minutes on file.

Lois Meshak, 812 Division Street, requested to have a second public hearing on Mr. May's proposal.

Agnes Katzmark, 804 Division Street, also requested a second public hearing at the next Council meeting to discuss concerns on Mr. May's apartment building proposal.

Mildred Neville, 1409 Franklin Street, read a letter from Kevin Knitt, 1410 College Avenue, who states that the Plan Commission minutes are not inaccurate but do not include all the negative information he presented at the meeting. Ms. Neville does not feel the points she made at the meeting were complete. She also felt it was not appropriate that the plans for the project were changed so close to the time of the Plan Commission meeting. She would also like another public hearing on this matter due to the changes made to the plans.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, to approve and place on file the Plan Commission minutes of April 3, 2006.

Ald. Sevenich asked if it is possible to have another public hearing. If it is possible, the alderperson would like another public hearing.

Mayor Wescott replied there is no legal reason why there cannot be another public hearing. The law requires a public hearing be held and that was already satisfied.

Ald. Trzebiatowski noted minutes of meetings are not verbatim transcripts of events. They are a generalization of the comments made during the meeting.

Mayor Wescott said that accurately sums it up. The minutes are not a legal transcription of an event.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

7. Plan Commission meeting of April 10, 2006.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of April 10, 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

8. Public Hearing - amendment to zoning ordinance which would classify 3349 Whiting Avenue as "R-4" Multiple Family I zoning from "M 1" Light Industrial zoning, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

9. Ordinance on the above.

Ald. Moore 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.

10. Public Hearing - request to construct a Rest Home/Nursing Home at 3349 Whiting Avenue as a conditional use, 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. Stroik moved, Ald. Molski 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.

12. Resolution - Opposition to State Companion Joint Resolutions (SJR 63 / AJR 77), a constitutional amendment relating to Taxes.

Mayor Wescott noted the Taxpayer Protection Amendment information is posted on the City's website. The Assembly has scheduled action on the Taxpayer Protection Amendment for April 27, 2006. Portage County is expected to take similar opposition.

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

Ald. Moore asked who brought forth this resolution.

Mayor Wescott replied that he did.

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

Mayor Wescott also gave credit to Ald. Robinson who had inquired about this issue.

13. Public Protection Committee meeting of April 10, 2006.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the Public Protection Committee minutes of April 10, 2006.

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

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

Ald. Sevenich 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.

15. Personnel Committee meeting of April 10, 2006.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, for approval of the Personnel Committee minutes of April 10, 2006.

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

16. Board of Public Works meeting of April 10, 2006.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of April 10, 2006.

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

17. Preliminary Resolution - replacement of clay sanitary sewer laterals and/or galvanized water services - College Avenue.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, for adoption of the Preliminary Resolution - replacement of clay sanitary sewer laterals and/or galvanized water services - College Avenue.

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

18. Finance Committee meeting of April 10, 2006.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of April 10, 2006.

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

19. Resolution - Authorizing and Providing for the Sale and Issuance of \$1,710,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2006A.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Barr 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.

20. Board of Park Commissioners meeting of April 5, 2006.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of April 5, 2006.

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

21. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of April 10, 2006.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of April 10, 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

22. Ordinance amendment - Amending the Schedule of Sewage Service rates.

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

Ald. Molski asked if the \$5 fee is per residence.

Mayor Wescott replied that is correct.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

23. Reports:

Police and Fire Commission meeting of April 11, 2006.

Statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to accept the reports and place them on file.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

24. Mayor's appointment - Board of Park Commissioners:

Appoint Jeff Bahling, 3225 Yosemite Drive (Unexpired term Hahner - 05-01-07).

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for confirmation of the Mayor's appointment.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Ald. Trzebiatowski announced he will be holding a listening session on April 30, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 3309 McCulloch Street.

26. Remarks from Alderperson Barr.

Mayor Wescott stated it has been a honor and privilege to serve with Ald. Barr. Ald. Barr always put the citizens of Stevens Point first in his public service. Over the years, Ald. Barr's leadership on the Finance Committee has been deeply appreciated by the people of this community. This community has had one of the most stable municipal tax environments of any city in Wisconsin. Mayor Wescott thanked Ald. Barr for his 14 years of dedicated service.

Ald. Barr noted a few things he would have done if he were elected King instead of Alderman. Examples include university students voting only in their home town, discontinue the use of Latin plurals, and driving trucks only after the age of 35. Mr. Barr thanked the current and past members of the Council that he served with for all the memories.

27. Adjournment - 7:55 P.M.

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