

Meeting Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting

October 16, 2006, 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, County-City Building

Mayor Gary W. Wescott, presiding

Roll Call: 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 Captain Ruder, Deputy Fire Chief Kujawa, Assessor Kuehn, 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 September 18, 2006 and Special Common Council meeting of September 27, 2006.
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.
5. Plan Commission meetings of September 5, 2006 and October 2, 2006.
6. Public hearing - request to construct a canopy at 809 Division Street as a conditional use.
7. Resolution on the above.
8. Ordinance amending accessory building size limitation in "R-LD" Zoning District.
9. Public hearing - request to construct front porch within the 25' setback at 1700 Water Street as a conditional use.
10. Resolution on the above.
11. Final Plat - Schmeckle Trails Subdivision.
12. Public hearing - amend Multiple Dwelling License Occupancy at 3900-32 and 3901-41 Doolittle Drive as a conditional use.
13. Resolution on the above.
14. Public Protection Committee meeting of October 9, 2006.
15. Board of Public Works meeting of October 9, 2006.
16. Agreement - permit to allow county use of property for trail purposes.
17. Finance Committee meeting of October 9, 2006.
18. Amendment to Scorpio Development Agreement and TIF Bond - Northpoint Shopping Center.
19. Special Assessment Final Resolution - 54481 Development LLC Agreement.
20. Board of Park Commissioners meeting of October 4, 2006.
21. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of October 9, 2006.
22. Joint Personnel/Finance Committee/Police and Fire Commission/Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of September 19, 2006.
23. Reports: Police and Fire Commission meetings of September 19, 2006 and October 10, 2006. Statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer. Transportation Commission meeting of October 5, 2006.
24. Crossroads Commons Transportation Agreement.
25. Mayor's appointments: Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners. Smongeski Health Fund Committee. Supplemental Election Workers list.
26. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.
27. Adjournment.

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

Mayor Wescott thanked everyone for their thoughts, cards and gifts during his recovery from surgery. He also thanked Ald. Moore for filling in at the meetings during his absence.

Mayor Wescott expressed his sympathy to Ald. Walther and his family for the loss of his father.

Mayor Wescott announced that the Hoppa annexation on Old Highway 18 was removed from the agenda at the request of the Town of Hull Chairman.

Mayor Wescott reminded everyone of the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of September 18, 2006 and Special Common Council meeting of September 27, 2006.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Barber seconded, for approval of the regular Common Council minutes of September 18, 2006 and the Special Common Council minutes of September 27, 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 #5 - Plan Commission meetings of September 5, 2006 and 1209 Wisconsin Street October 2, 2006
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Dennis Tlachac Item #20 - Board of Park Commissioners meeting of October 4, 2006 5223 Hwy. 66
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Daron Jensen Item #26 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
4500 Hwy. 66
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Louis Molepske Item #26 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
1557 Church Street

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Reid Rocheleau Item #26 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
408 Cedar Street
Whiting, WI

5. Plan Commission meetings of September 5, 2006 and October 2, 2006.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, stated that it was found that there were some omissions in the September 5, 2006 Plan Commission minutes due to the tape malfunctioning. The omissions have been added to the minutes.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to affirm the Plan Commission minutes of September 5, 2006 and October 2, 2006.

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

6. Public hearing - request to construct a canopy at 809 Division Street as a conditional use, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

7. Resolution on the above.

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

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

8. Ordinance amending accessory building size limitation in "R-LD" Zoning District.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the ordinance amending accessory building size limitation in "R-LD" Zoning District.

Ald. Wiza asked if this ordinance is approved, can the Council still take each case by case when considering conditional uses?

Mayor Wescott replied that is his understanding.

City Attorney Molepske responded that is correct.

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

9. Public hearing - request to construct front porch within the 25' setback at 1700 Water Street as a conditional use, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

10. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for approval of the resolution to construct a front porch within the 25' setback at 1700 Water Street as a conditional use with a sunset provision of December 31, 2009.

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

11. Final Plat - Schmeckle Trails Subdivision.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, to approve the Final Plat - Schmeckle Trails Subdivision.

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

12. Public hearing - amend Multiple Dwelling License Occupancy at 3900-32 and 3901-41 Doolittle Drive as a conditional use, was declared open by the Mayor.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street, agrees with the recommendation of the Plan Commission to deny this request. Mr. Rocheleau stated keeping the occupancy level down will not only reduce parking problems at these complexes but in the entire community.

Casey Duffey, 19105 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, is requesting an increase in the multiple dwelling license occupancy for these properties. Currently, he has a few apartments that are rented by three unrelated people. The initial request has been amended. He is now asking for an increase of six people on the south side of Doolittle Drive and an additional two occupants on the north side of Doolittle Drive.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, submitted photos of the parking of vehicles at the Doolittle Drive complexes and they were placed on file. The request is to increase the occupancy from two unrelated people to three unrelated people. She stated allowing three unrelated people will set a precedent for other multiple dwelling units in Stevens Point. Ms. Laszewski voiced her concerns on parking and enclosure of dumpsters. She reviewed her exhibit of the vehicles parked at the Doolittle Drive properties. Ms. Laszewski supports the action taken by the Plan Commission to reject the request.

Charles Schommer, 1500 Metro Drive, Schofield, is in favor of increasing the occupancy by six people on one side and two people on the other side of Doolittle Drive. Mr. Schommer discussed the parking concerns that were raised. The driveway was designed to allow for parking and still have room for vehicles to enter and exit the driveway. He reviewed the areas where parking is allowed on the premise. The initial request was for

the maximum allowed. After sensing opposition, the request was significantly reduced to meet the needs of the people.

Regina Misiewicz, 135 N. Green Avenue, resides directly across from the complexes. Ms. Misiewicz voiced her concerns on parking and occupancy.

Gloria Gazam, 3941 Doolittle Drive, said the parking at the complexes is terrible. There is not any visitor parking available. The complexes need designated parking. Ms. Gazam does not feel there is adequate landscaping.

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

13. Resolution on the above.

Mayor Wescott said the action taken by the Plan Commission was to deny this request.

Ald. Molski said there are some vacant parking places available because some of the units are one bedroom units with only one occupant. The alderperson said by increasing the occupancy, we will be doing a disservice to the people at the complex and also to other multiple dwelling units in the city. She does not support increasing the occupancy of these units.

Mayor Wescott explained the options available to the Council.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to deny the resolution.

Ald. Wiza values the testimony of the people who live in and around the units. The alderman asked if two of the apartments are currently rented by three unrelated people. He is against the request to increase the occupancy.

Casey Duffey replied that is correct.

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

14. Public Protection Committee meeting of October 9, 2006.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to accept and place on file the Public Protection Committee minutes of October 9, 2006.

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

15. Board of Public Works meeting of October 9, 2006.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of October 9, 2006.

Numerous corrections were made to the minutes including the spelling of names and who was present at the meeting.

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

16. Agreement - permit to allow county use of property for trail purposes.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, to approve the Agreement - permit to allow county use of property for trail purposes.

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

17. Finance Committee meeting of October 9, 2006.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of October 9, 2006.

Mayor Wescott reported the City is in a strong financial position.

Ald. Molski noted that Director Halverson's name was misspelled in the minutes.

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

18. Amendment to Scorpio Development Agreement and TIF Bond - Northpoint Shopping Center.

This item was pulled at the request of Scorpio Properties, LLC.

19. Special Assessment Final Resolution - 54481 Development LLC Agreement.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Special Assessment Final Resolution - 54481 Development LLC Agreement.

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

20. Board of Park Commissioners meeting of October 4, 2006.

Dennis Tlachac, 5223 Highway 66, is the owner of Nature's Niche and Nature Treks LLC. He is available for any questions.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to affirm the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of October 4, 2006.

Ald. Wiza commended Director Schrader for a very good job on the agreement with Nature's Niche and Nature Treks LLC.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

21. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of October 9, 2006.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of October 9, 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

22. Joint Personnel/Finance Committee/Police and Fire Commission/Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of September 19, 2006.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the Joint Personnel/Finance Committee/Police and Fire Commission/Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of September 19, 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

23. Reports:

- Police and Fire Commission meetings of September 19, 2006 and October 10, 2006.
- Statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.
- Transportation Commission meeting of October 5, 2006.

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

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

24. Crossroads Commons Transportation Agreement.

Mayor Wescott commended Ald. Walther, Transit Manager Susan Lemke and Village of Plover Officials for all their hard work on the agreement. This is another clear example of intergovernmental cooperation. The Mayor noted that state law requires the City to have a contract and receive compensation from the requesting municipality for bus service.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to approve the Crossroads Commons Transportation Agreement.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

25. Mayor's appointments:

Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners.

Smongeski Health Fund Committee.

Supplemental Election Workers list.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, for confirmation of the Mayor's appointments.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

26. 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 on parking in the city lots and the two barrels on Michigan Avenue in front of P. J. Jacob's Junior High School.

Daron Jensen, 4500 Hwy. 66, is a candidate for the 71st Assembly District. Mr. Jensen promises to listen to the people's way of thinking.

Louis Molepske, 1557 Church Street, is the representative of the 71st Assembly District. Mr. Molepske asked that in early November, everyone welcome home our armed forces.

27. Adjournment - 8:13 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