

Meeting Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting

June 20, 2005, 7:00P.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 Captain Dowling, Fire Chief Barnes, Assessor Kuehn, Transit Manager Lemke, Administrative Assistant Ostrowski, Kari Yenter, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Kelly McBride (Journal)

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32. Adjournment.

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

Mayor Wescott reminded the Council members of the upcoming Special Joint Portage County Board of Supervisors and City Council meeting on June 29, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms 1 & 2.

Mayor Wescott announced the Riverfront Rendezvous will be held July 2 - 4, including a downtown parade at 12:00 p.m. and fireworks at dusk on July 4.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of May 16, 2005.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the regular Common Council minutes of May 16, 2005.

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.

Daniel Mielke Item #13 - Ordinance-Farmer's Market setup time and parking
2550 County Road II
Rudolph, WI

Dave Kratzke Item #24 - Personnel Committee meeting of June 13, 2005
Stevens Point, WI

Dan Helwig Item #6 - Plan Commission meeting of June 6, 2005
Design Unlimited
Marshfield, WI

Jami Gebert Item #31 - Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council
2941 Kozy Street

Stevens Point, WI

5. Plan Commission - Comprehensive Planning meetings of April 25, 2005 and May 23, 2005.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission - Comprehensive Planning minutes of April 25, 2005 and May 23, 2005.

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

6. Plan Commission meeting of June 6, 2005.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of June 6, 2005.

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

7. Public Hearing - construct an addition to a tavern or nightclub at 2525 Dixon Street as a conditional use, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

8. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Robinson 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.

9. Resolution naming street - Pintail Drive.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Stroik 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.

10. Joint Review Board meeting of May 26, 2005.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for approval of the Joint Review Board minutes of May 26, 2005.

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

11. Public Protection Committee meeting of June 13, 2005.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Public Protection Committee minutes of June 13, 2005 and to amend the minutes to reflect that on item #7C and D it was the intent that the vote on the first motion to approve the amendments was suspended for further discussion.

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

12. Ordinance - Bicycles and Motor Bicycles on Green Circle Trail.

Ald. Robinson asked if the ordinance amendment is applicable for the entire city or just on the Green Circle Trail.

Mayor Wescott said the ordinance will prohibit motor bicycles on the Green Circle Trail.

Ald. Stroik clarified that bikes are still allowed on the Green Circle Trail if ridden in a careful and prudent manner.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Walther 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.

13. Ordinance - Farmer's Market setup time and parking.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, for adoption of the Ordinance - Farmer's Market setup time and parking.

Dan Mielke said the change to the ordinance will allow the vendors to get a little more sleep between harvesting and selling the produce. Also, the amendment to the parking will allow for more room for the vendors to setup. The number of vendors on the Market Square continues to increase.

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

14. Ordinance - Miscellaneous Parking Restrictions - Farmer's Market.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Sevenich 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.

15. Ordinance - Animal Care and License definitions.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for adoption of the Ordinance - Animal Care and License definitions.

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

16. Special Public Protection Committee meeting of June 20, 2005.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Special Public Protection Committee minutes of June 20, 2005.

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

17. Ordinance - Building and Premises Maintenance and Occupancy - Keeping of Animals.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Robinson 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.

18. Board of Public Works meeting of June 13, 2005.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of June 13, 2005.

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

19. Resolution acknowledging acceptance of an Improvement Project under the Wisconsin "Airport Runway Marking Program".

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for adoption of the resolution acknowledging acceptance of an Improvement Project under the Wisconsin "Airport Runway Marking Program".

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

20. Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement with DOT - Business 51.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to approve the Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement with DOT - Business 51.

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

21. Relocation Order - Highway 10 - Treder Avenue to Badger Avenue.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to accept the relocation order - Hwy. 10 from Treder Avenue to Badger Avenue.

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

22. Finance Committee meeting of June 13, 2005.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of June 13, 2005.

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

23. Consideration of claim - Rosek.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Molski seconded, to deny the claim for Mary Rosek.

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

24. Personnel Committee meeting of June 13, 2005.

Dave Kratzke is a resident of the city and an officer with the Stevens Point Police Department. Mr. Kratzke appeared before the Personnel Committee to request a transfer of 100 hours of sick time to his wife, Sandy who is an employee in the Assessor's office. Mrs. Kratzke suffers from a back condition. She has already taken approximately 200 hours of unpaid leave. She has 12 vacation days to last her until May, 2006. He stated sick leave has been donated and transferred between employees and departments in the past. Also, he feels the Personnel Committee members may have been told that the transfer of sick leave is against the City's Administrative Policy. Mr. Kratzke reviewed the City's Administrative Policy and did not find a policy that addressed the subject of sick leave transfers. Mr. Kratzke urged the approval of the sick leave transfer.

Assessor Kuehn stated Mrs. Kratzke is an employee in her office. In the last 26 years of the Assessor's employment, the city has never granted this type of request unless the situation is life threatening. Another employee in the Assessor's office had major surgery last year and was off for

approximately six weeks. This employee took some paid leave as well as leave without pay. Sick leave accrues to the individual. Mrs. Kratzke is back to work with her physician's approval. Mrs. Kratzke has a bank of paid leave of more than 120 hours. In the past, all employees are required to exhaust all their paid leave before any consideration be given to a donation. Mrs. Kratzke also has more than 400 hours of leave without pay remaining under her family medical leave benefit. Mr. Kratzke has nearly 500 hours of comp time in which he could draw pay from should the need arise. To the best of her knowledge, transfers in the Police Department have been between sworn officers. This request would set a bad precedence.

Ald. Molski said when she was Personnel Manager, two employees from the Streets Department who, because of serious illnesses and were not expected to return to work, were allowed donations of vacation time. As Personnel Manager, she donated vacation time to both of them, not sick leave, only vacation time. Both of these employees were completely out of time and trying to get to the point when the income continuation would begin. They did not have someone supporting their family if they were not drawing any income. Mrs. Kratzke has more than 400 hours leave without pay under family medical leave in 2005. This is without pay but Mr. Kratzke has a bank of comp time which if the family needs additional income, he can cash that in at anytime. The transfer of benefits from sworn officers has only been within their own department. This is not allowed between unions. To Ald. Molski's knowledge, sick leave is the only type of time that the city would not want to allow to be transferred because that time is not necessarily going to be paid out by the city. Vacation time and comp time are going to be paid out at some point by the city. A relatively healthy employee will accumulate more sick time than they will use. Sick leave is not all cashed in and that is why it is not allowed to be transferred. Only vacation or comp time are allowed to be transferred and that is not between unions.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Personnel Committee minutes of June 13, 2005, as stated.

Ald. Wiza felt the request to transfer sick leave should have been pulled for a separate vote.

Ald. Robinson asked what mechanisms are in place to inform individuals how the Personnel Committee made their decision in closed session?

Mayor Wescott stated all the decisions are not final until Council approval. The applicant can contact the Personnel Specialist. If questions are still not answered, the applicant should contact the Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

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

Nays: Ald. Wiza

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

25. Board of Park Commissioners meeting of June 1, 2005.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, for approval of the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of June 1, 2005.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

26. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of June 7, 2005.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of June 7, 2005.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

27. Reports:

Statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Police and Fire Commission meeting of June 14, 2005.

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

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

28. Resolution adopting the National Incident Management System.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for adoption of the resolution adopting the National Incident Management System.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

29. Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, to approve the Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

30. Memorandum of Understanding between Portage County and the City of Stevens Point for continuation of contract for county-wide Ambulance Services.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Barr seconded, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Portage County and the City of Stevens Point for continuation of contract for county-wide ambulance services.

Mayor Wescott pointed out that the working group will consist of two city representatives, two county representatives and one representative from the outlying municipalities. The Mayor intends to appoint as the city representatives, the President of the Police and Fire Commission and Deputy Chief Jay Gordon.

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

31. 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, updated the Council on what is happening downtown this summer. A new mission was approved for the downtown. They are currently working on a pledge drive for the Main Street program. A business owner survey is being worked on. Floral baskets are displayed from all the poles downtown and a permanent Christmas tree will be added. The summer promotions include the Fourth of July parade, Summer in the City, Corn on the Curb, Spud City Mashionals, and Jazz Fest.

32. Adjournment - 7:45 P.M.

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