

## Meeting Minutes

### Regular City Council Meeting

July 18, 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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2. Salute to the flag and Mayor's opening remarks.

Mayor Wescott said there are so many things that individual citizens do in Stevens Point to make it a better community. Tonight, we are going to recognize one of those citizens. Ruthie Ehlenfeldt donated to the City of Stevens Point, four large flags for the Southside Memorial Veterans Park to appropriately honor the people who the park was created to serve. Mayor Wescott presented Ruthie Ehlenfeldt with a plaque.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of June 20, 2005, Special Common Council meeting of June 29, 2005 and Special Joint Portage County Board of Supervisors and City of Stevens Point Council meeting of June 29, 2005.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of June 20, 2005, Special Common Council meeting of June 29, 2005 and Special Joint Portage County Board of Supervisors and City of Stevens Point Council meeting of June 29, 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.

None.

5. Presentation by Dr. Gary Itzkowitz - Police Department Community Opinion Survey.

Chief Morris stated the results of the survey are available on the city's web site. The survey will help to design police services in the future.

Dr. Gary Itzkowitz reviewed the methodology and findings of the Police Department Community Opinion Survey. The first set of questions asked had to do with performance and service quality of the police department. The next series of questions were about the perceived problems that people saw in their own neighborhood. Lastly, individuals were asked how safe they feel. There was a remarkable agreement to the responses.

Mayor Wescott asked now that we have this data, what is next?

Chief Morris said the police department will develop a strategic plan and build on previous plans. The department builds on communication by listening as well as problem solving.

Ald. Stroik asked if this same survey will be provided to surrounding communities.

Chief Morris responded yes, if possible.

Ald. Barber asked if there is a plan for a metro police force.

Chief Morris said it is a possibility as part of co-location.

6. Plan Commission meeting of July 11, 2005.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of July 11, 2005.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearing - Creation of Pedestrian Mall at 1245 Main Street, 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. Sevenich moved, Ald. Wiza 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. Public Hearing - Telecommunication tower at 200 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.

10. Resolution on the above.

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

Ald. Wiza would like to know the diameter of the base for the 70' flag pole.

Mayor Wescott believes the base unit will be smaller than the base of the pole at Walmart.

Director Gardner said the diameter of the base will be similar to the pole at Walmart.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. Public Hearing - Multiple Family project - Badger Avenue at Pintail Drive in Parkdale Subdivision as a conditional use, was declared open by the Mayor.

Ronald Toppel, 5717 Kingfisher Drive, addressed his concerns on the development of multiple family units in this subdivision. When he purchased his home in this subdivision, it was the understanding it would be subdivided for 108 families. This development is more than double what the subdivision is zoned. Mr. Toppel would like the request tabled to give the residents time to gather and voice their concerns.

Mark Wolf, 5605 Birch Drive, Mosinee, said the development is consistent for this area. Mr. Wolf does not believe the Kingfisher subdivision will be impacted. Most of the traffic will use Highway 10. The development will increase the tax base. Mr. Wolf said he is continuing to work with the fire department and city planners.

Ald. Trzebiatowski noted as of today, he received five e-mails, thirteen phone calls and talked with six parties. All were opposed to the development.

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

12. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Trzebiatowski received a variety of complaints and concerns. The alderman would like to give the neighbors the opportunity to voice their concerns.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to postpone the multiple family project at Badger Avenue and Pintail Drive until next month.

Director Gardner stated by law, multi family units as conditional uses are required to be published in the newspaper twice before the Council meeting. As a courtesy, the neighbors are notified. In this case, 16 adjacent property owners were notified. The site plan for this development was properly addressed. The drainage issues still need to be approved by the Engineering Department.

Mayor Wescott said the land is subject to an agreement between the City and the Town of Hull.

Director Gardner said the agreement is that the area from Kingfisher Drive to Highway 10 between the drainage ditch and the highway was identified as multiple family or commercial use. The area to the north of this was identified for duplexes and single family uses.

Ald. Stroik asked how the property is zoned. What are some other possible uses for this land?

Director Gardner said it could be developed as two-family, multiple family or commercial use. The developer provided some additional screening between the buildings and street. The developer continues to work with the fire department on any issues they may have.

Ald. Stroik noted the only issue that the Council can deal with is if it meets the zoning code.

Director Gardner said the city does not generally get involved in need.

Mayor Wescott said if you can document in a specific area that the density is too great, you may have an option of denying the project. With lack of that documentation, the Mayor does not feel it is grounds for rejection.

City Attorney Molepske said that is correct. If the development caused a dangerous situation that would be grounds for rejection. Regulating the market is beyond the zoning capabilities.

Director Gardner explained the standards for conditional uses. There are 14 different standards for conditional uses.

Ald. Wiza asked if there will be any adverse effects if the project is postponed for another month.

Mark Wolf said they are already putting the road in. They are also ready to start with the utilities. Mr. Wolf feels it would be adverse to have to wait for one month. Not all the buildings will be built at the same time.

Ald. Robinson would like to know if the neighbors' concerns meet any of the fourteen standards for not allowing the development.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said the concerns included increased traffic, devaluation of their property and rental rates.

Ald. Barr is hard pressed to think of any proposed development in which the neighbors did not present these same concerns.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Wiza.

Nays: Ald. Moore, Barber, Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Barr, Robinson, Hanson, Walther, Sevenich.

Ayes - 1. Nays - 10. Motion failed.

Ald. Robinson moved, Ald. Barr seconded, for adoption of the resolution with the additional conditions for adequate fire protection access and appropriate water flow as determined by the Engineering and Fire Departments.

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

Nays: Ald. Wiza, Trzebiatowski.

Ayes - 9. Nays - 2. Motion carried.

13. Resolution granting easement - 820-24 Main Street.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for adoption of the resolution accepting the easement.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Public Hearing - Amend occupancy limit on a previous conditional use - 925 Maria Drive, was declared open by the Mayor.

Robin Engum, 3038 Campsite Drive, is available for any questions.

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

15. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Stroik asked if notices were sent to the neighbors.

Director Gardner stated notices were sent at the time of the Plan Commission meeting.

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

Ald. Wiza said this is a congested area with limited parking. Based on the number of parking stalls, where will the tenants' visitors park?

Robin Engum said he has a contract with the property owner across the street to provide visitor parking.

Ald. Moore said after further review, he is now comfortable with the proposal.

Ald. Sevenich toured the apartments. They are very nice apartments.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. Ordinance amending Sign Ordinance - Shopping Center Wall Signs.

Director Gardner said the ordinance amendment would allow for a sign to be located over the end of the building. The corner building would have two signs. No signs should be located on the rear of buildings.

Mayor Wescott said originally there was also a sign on the rear of the building over the loading dock.

Ald. Wiza said if the tenants want to put a sign over a dumpster, why should the city care? It's their business. Will the ordinance amendment grant Quizno's their request?

Director Gardner said it will allow them to place a sign on the north and west sides of the building. It will not grant them the sign on the eastside of

the building. Director Gardner reviewed the history of why the sign ordinance was developed.

Ald. Stroik asked if the signs on the Subway building were investigated.

Director Gardner said yes, it was discovered that Subway does not have a permit.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Robinson 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.

17. Public Protection Committee meeting of July 11, 2005.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for approval of the Public Protection Committee minutes of July 11, 2005.

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

18. Ordinance amendment - Responsibilities of Owners and Occupants.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Wiza 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.

19. Board of Public Works meeting of July 11, 2005.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of July 11, 2005.

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

20. Special Finance Committee meeting of June 29, 2005.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Special Finance Committee minutes of June 29, 2005.

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

21. Finance Committee meeting of July 11, 2005.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of July 11, 2005.

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

22. Personnel Committee meeting of July 11, 2005.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Personnel Committee minutes of July 11, 2005.

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

23. Board of Park Commissioners meeting of July 6, 2005.

Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, for approval of the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of July 6, 2005.

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

24. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of July 11, 2005.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of July 11, 2005.

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

25. Reports:

Police and Fire Commission meeting of July 12, 2005.  
Statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.  
Transportation Commission meeting of June 16, 2005.

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

Ald. Sevenich stated that she took the opportunity during Summer in the City to ride the city bus.

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.

None.

27. Adjournment 8:10 P.M.

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