

Meeting Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting

September 19, 2005, 7:00P.M.

Council Chambers, County-City Building

Mayor Gary W. Wescott, presiding Roll Call: Present: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Hanson, Wiza, Robinson, Trzebiatowski, Molski, Stroik, Barber, Moore

Excused: Ald. Barr

Also Present: City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Moe, Comptroller/Treasurer Schlice, Directors Gardner, Euclide, Halverson; Police Chief Morris, Fire Chief Barnes, Assessor Kuehn, Personnel Specialist Jakusz, Kari Yenter, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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21. Adjournment.

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

Mayor Wescott called the alderpersons' attention to a memo from Police and Fire Commission President Judy regarding changes in parking fees, parking time limits and ticketing system.

Recently, the request for qualifications for the next generation for paramedic/ambulance strategic planning was completed. It will be available soon on the city's web site and in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Wescott announced a clothing and food drive will be held Saturday, September 24, 2005, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on Division Street.

The Mayor also commended the Student Government Association at UW-SP for raising awareness and money for the Red Cross.

Mayor Wescott reported Fire Chief Barnes was recognized for his many professional achievements. Chief Barnes was awarded the designation of "Chief Fire Officer". There are only five other fire chiefs in the state that have ever earned this designation.

The members of the City Council also received a statement from Breathe Free concerning a smoke free ordinance for the City of Stevens Point.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of August 15, 2005 and Special Common Council meeting of September 8, 2005.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the regular Common Council minutes of August 15, 2005 and Special Common Council minutes of September 8, 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.

Elbert Rackow Item #11 - Board of Public Works meeting of September 12, 2005

1824 Gilkay Street

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Mike Phillips Item #11 - Board of Public Works meeting of September 12, 2005

3225 Mary Street

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Diane Dickinson Item #6 - Resolution renaming Pintail Drive to Songbird Lane

5627 Regent Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Nancy Schultz Item #20 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
925 Smith Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Ald. Mike Wiza Item #20 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
717 Franklin Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

5. Plan Commission meeting of September 12, 2005.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of September 12, 2005.

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

6. Resolution renaming Pintail Drive to Songbird Lane.

Diane Dickinson, 5627 Regent Street, is the owner of a new building being developed on this street and supports changing the name to Songbird Lane.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for adoption of the resolution renaming Pintail Drive to Songbird Lane.

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

7. Public Hearing - Amend section 23.01(14)(d)5. Clinics (medical and dental) 1 space per 200 s.f.; Ambulatory Surgery Suites - 1 space per 400 s.f., 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. Molski moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for adoption of the ordinance.

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

9. Public Protection Committee meeting of September 12, 2005.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for approval of the Public Protection Committee minutes of September 12, 2005.

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

10. Personnel Committee meeting of September 12, 2005.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Personnel Committee minutes of September 12, 2005.

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

11. Board of Public Works meeting of September 12, 2005.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of September 12, 2005, with item #4 pulled for further discussion.

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

Elbert Rackow, 1824 Gilkay Street, was the chairman of the deer culling project last year. Sixty deer were culled in 2002 and 88 deer were culled in 2004. Mr. Rackow reviewed the car/deer accident reports that he received from the Police Department. Culling antlerless deer has the most impact according to the DNR. The DNR recommends that deer culling be done on a continuing basis to be effective.

Mayor Wescott asked if we had received advice from experts on the number of years to continue culling the deer in the city.

Mr. Rackow noted that when a culling program has begun, it should be continued.

Ald. Barber agrees culling the deer is a necessity. The alderman reviewed the deer reports from the Police Department and found 87 % of all car/deer accidents were in the northeast quarter of the city. The alderman feels only problem deer should be culled to help save money.

Ald. Molski has a lot of deer in her district. The alderperson still continues to receive calls about problems with deer. The City needs a plan to cull the deer.

Ald. Walther said the general feeling of his constituents is that they have seen improvement with the deer population. The City needs to continue to manage the deer. If the culling of the deer is stopped this year, we will be left with a bigger problem in coming years.

Ald. Sevenich asked if the culling of deer will be for the entire city or just in specific areas. The deer population in her district has decreased.

Mike Phillips stated a meeting will be held next week to determine areas that will be hunted and permits for up to 65 deer will be requested.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked if funding is available to cull the deer.

Mayor Wescott replied the City will apply for funding from the DNR. In the 2005 budget, \$3,000 has been allocated by the Council for the culling of deer.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the deer culling to target specific areas and affirm the recommendation from the Board of Public Works authorizing the Mayor to sign the deer culling agreement.

Ald. Robinson suggested the deer culling options be publicized on the city's web site and with the local media.

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

Nays: Ald. Barber.

Ayes - 9. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

12. Ordinance - Traffic:

Loading Zones:

9.05(k) 34. On the east side of Wyatt Avenue between Jefferson Street and Oak Street. School Buses only During School Hours.

9.05(k) 35. On the south side of Oak Street, from the intersection of Wyatt Avenue to a point 130 feet west. School Buses only During School Hours.

Parking Reserved for Handicapped Persons:

9.05(u)13. On the east side of East Avenue from a point 28 feet south of Jefferson Street to a point 72 feet south of Jefferson Street.

Stop Signs repealed: 9.06(a)

342. Southbound on Strongs Avenue at Division Street.

349. Southbound on Division Street at Monroe Street.

One Way Streets modified:

9.04(a) 9. Southbound on Strongs Avenue to Park Street.

Stop Signs added:

9.06(a) 745. Northbound on Strongs Avenue at Park Street.

Parking Reserved for Handicapped Persons:

9.05(u) 12. On the west side of Strongs Avenue from a point 28 feet north of Park Street to a point 72 feet north of Park Street.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Robinson seconded, for adoption of the traffic ordinances.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Finance Committee meeting of September 12, 2005.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of September 12, 2005.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Ordinance amending overnight parking.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, for adoption of the ordinance amending overnight parking.

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

Nays: Ald. Robinson.

Ayes - 9. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

15. Ordinance - Overdue Parking Ticket Scoff Law.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for adoption of the ordinance - Overdue Parking Ticket Scoff Law.

Ald. Sevenich stated this is a great way to collect fines and to help our community.

Ald. Barber said the City of Wausau has been using this type of system with success.

Ald. Wiza said basically, the Scoff Law will authorize the Police Department to immobilize a vehicle for anyone with three or more unpaid parking tickets.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. Ordinance increasing parking ticket fines.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, for adoption of the ordinance increasing parking ticket fines.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

17. Board of Park Commissioners meeting of September 7, 2005.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Barber seconded, for approval of the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of September 7, 2005.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

18. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of September 12, 2005.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Hanson seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of September 12, 2005.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

19. Reports:

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

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Nancy Schultz, Co-Chair of Breathe Free, urged the city to act quickly with respect to the smoke free work site draft ordinance created by Mayor Wescott's smoking ordinance working group. By working together, the group produced a draft ordinance that is comprehensive and fair. Breathe Free supports this draft ordinance. This is a wonderful opportunity to protect the health of the citizens of Stevens Point in a meaningful way.

Ald. Wiza announced he will be hosting an annual 4th District open house on Sunday, October 9, 2005, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 717 Franklin Street.

21. Adjournment - 7:40 P.M.

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