

Meeting Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2004, 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers - County/City Building

Mayor Gary W. Wescott, presiding Roll Call: Present: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Markham, Seiser (excused at 7:15 p.m.), Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Stroik, Phillips, Moore

Also Present: City Attorney Molepske, Comptroller/Treasurer Schlice, City Clerk Zdroik, Directors Gardner, Schrader, Euclide, Halverson; Interim Police Chief McCulley, Fire Chief Barnes, Assessor Kuehn, Transit Manager Lemke, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw, Administrative Assistant Gebert, Kari Yenter, Kate Garsombke (Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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

Mayor Wescott stated tomorrow the City's delegation will make its formal presentation of the Main Street program to the Department of Commerce in Madison.

Mayor Wescott announced for the 23rd time Stevens Point has been named Tree City USA by the National Arbor Foundation. The City of Stevens Point has also been awarded the Growth Award for the fifth year in a row.

Mayor Wescott noted RelocateAmerica.com has once again named Stevens Point to its top 100 places to live in America list.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of March 15, 2004.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the regular Common Council minutes of March 15, 2004.

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.

Reid Rocheleau Item #25 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council  
408 Cedar Street  
Whiting, WI

Victoria Zdroik Item #25 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council  
3265 Martha's Lane  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

5. Parting comments from retiring Alderperson Jo Seiser, 4th District.

Mayor Wescott presented retiring Ald. Seiser with a plaque.

Ald. Seiser reviewed all the committees she was involved in. The alderperson really valued the hard work of all the city staff. Ald. Seiser thanked everyone for all their dedicated work. Ald. Seiser welcomed Mike Wiza as the new 4th District Alderperson.

6. Update on Economic Development Initiatives - Brian Doudna, Executive Director, Portage County Business Council.

Brian Doudna, Executive Director, gave a brief presentation on Economic Development Initiatives.

Mayor Wescott asked what the climate is today for business development versus one to two years ago?

Brian Doudna stated the economy has been poor. Mr. Doudna said development is slow but is starting to pick up.

7. Plan Commission meetings of March 29, 2004 and April 5, 2004.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of March 29, 2004 and April 5, 2004.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

8. Public hearing - request of Parkdale Development LLC to construct and operate a Hotel/Convention Center at the northeast corner of Amber Lane and Windy Drive, as a Conditional Use, was declared open by the Mayor.

Bill Bayba, 3416 Teton Drive, is available for any questions on this development.

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

9. Resolution on the above.

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

Ald. Markham asked if the storm water retention had been worked out?

Director Gardner stated it has not yet been worked out but before any permits are issued, the storm water retention issue will be resolved.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Markham, Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Stroik, Phillips, Moore.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Public hearing - request of Schertz Properties LLC, 1324 Second Street, Stevens Point, to operate a tavern, as a Conditional Use, was declared open by the Mayor.

Hans Hartleben, 2700 Mary Street, said at the Public Protection Committee meeting, some of the committee members did not agree with the name for the establishment. Mr. Hartleben noted the establishment's name will be changed to Lucky's Pub.

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

11. Resolution on the above.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, Stroik, Molski, Rackow, Barr, Sowieja, Markham, Walther, Sevenich.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Public Protection Committee meeting of April 12, 2004.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the Public Protection Committee minutes of April 12, 2004.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Markham, Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Stroik, Phillips, Moore.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Board of Public Works meeting of April 12, 2004.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Barr seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of April 12, 2004.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, Stroik, Molski, Rackow, Barr, Sowieja, Markham, Walther, Sevenich.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Resolution - petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for adoption of the resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Markham, Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Stroik, Phillips, Moore.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

15. Authorize Mayor to accept Agency Agreement and Federal Block Grant Owner Assurances.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval to authorize the Mayor to accept Agency Agreement and Federal Block Grant Owner Assurances.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Markham, Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Stroik, Phillips, Moore.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. Resolution - naming streets in Portage County Business Park.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, Stroik, Molski, Rackow, Barr, Sowieja, Markham, Walther, Sevenich.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

17. Ordinance - Traffic - 9.05(aa)(3) I. Ten (10) permit parking spaces in the 1200 block of Third Court (west side).

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Markham seconded, for adoption of the traffic ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, Stroik, Molski, Rackow, Barr, Sowieja, Markham, Walther, Sevenich.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

18. Finance Committee meeting of April 12, 2004.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of April 12, 2004.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Markham, Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Stroik, Phillips, Moore.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

19. Personnel Committee meeting of April 12, 2004.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Personnel Committee minutes of April 12, 2004.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, Stroik, Molski, Rackow, Barr, Sowieja, Markham, Walther, Sevenich.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Approval of amendment to medical employee reimbursement plan (Flexible Benefits Plan under the Internal Revenue Service Code, Section 125) conforming the same to 45 C. F. R. parts 160 and 164 (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996).

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the amendment to medical employee reimbursement plan (Flexible Benefits Plan under the Internal Revenue Service Code, Section 125) conforming the same to 45 C. F. R. parts 160 and 164 (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996).

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Markham, Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Stroik, Phillips, Moore.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

21. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of April 12, 2004.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Markham seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of April 12, 2004.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, Stroik, Molski, Rackow, Barr, Sowieja, Markham, Walther, Sevenich.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

22. Ordinance - amending Chapter 13 - Water and Sewage Systems.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for adoption of the ordinance.

Ald. Sowieja asked if Director Halverson could go through the ordinance and give a brief explanation of each?

The Director said most of the changes are language and statute number updates.

Ald. Markham would like Section 13.09(2) explained.

Director Halverson stated this is already in the ordinance and the only change is to the statute number.

City Attorney Molepske noted that State Statute 66 was all renumbered. The City of Stevens Point will not extend sewer outside the City. The City can also restrict the service to the outside except in the case where the City is already servicing Village of Park Ridge and the Town of Plover in the boundary adjustment area.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Markham, Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Stroik, Phillips, Moore.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

23. Ordinance - amending Section 13.22(2)(d) - Holding Tank and Septage Rates.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Markham seconded, for adoption of the ordinance.

Ald. Markham asked why the rates are decreasing?

Director Halverson stated if the rates are lowered, more haulers would hopefully come to the plant.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, Stroik, Molski, Rackow, Barr, Sowieja, Markham, Walther, Sevenich.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

24. Reports:

Police and Fire Commission meeting of April 13, 2004.

Comptroller-Treasurer's report - January 2004.

Transportation Commission meeting of April 7, 2004.

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

Ald. Walther said at the April Transportation Commission meeting, it was approved to recommend the final UWSP U-Pass contract.

Ald. Moore asked about the final drafts of logos?

Transit Manager Lemke said the attached copies to the Transportation Commission minutes are the final plan for the new logo. The actual logos will be more colorful.

Ald. Moore asked about a dot above the "I" on the logos?

Transit Manager Lemke said one of the logos did have a dot, however, after review by the Commission members that one did not get chosen.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Ald. Moore voted Nay on the Transportation Commission minutes of April 7, 2004. Motion carried.

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

Reid Rocheleau voiced his concerns regarding public participation during meetings and garbage violations on Water Street.

Victoria Zdroik read her letter of resignation as City Clerk effective April 30, 2004.

Mayor Wescott said it is with a deep sense of loss for our community that he reluctantly accepted the resignation letter from City Clerk Zdroik. For 27 years, Victoria Zdroik has served this community with honor and dedication. Clerk Zdroik is here to serve and to work for the people who elected her.

26. Parting comments from retiring Alderperson Mike Phillips, 10th District.

Mayor Wescott presented a plaque to retiring Ald. Phillips.

Ald. Phillips said it has been a pleasure to serve on the Council for the past nine years. Ald. Phillips along with the fellow alderpersons were committed to making Stevens Point a better community. The alderperson stated the City Officials, Directors and entire City staff are all outstanding. Ald. Phillips noted the many projects that had been accomplished. Ald. Phillips thanked all his supporters in the recent election.

27. Adjournment - 8:00 P.M.

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