

Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers - County/City Building

July 21, 2003, 7:00P.M.

Mayor Gary W. Wescott, presiding Roll Call: Present: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Markham, Seiser, Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Stroik, Phillips, Moore

Also Present: Comptroller/Treasurer Schlice, City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Zdroik, Directors Gardner, Schrader; Police Chief Carpenter, Fire Chief Barnes, Transit Manager Lemke, Adm. Services Manager Halverson, Personnel Specialist Jakusz, City Surveyor Hild, 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 reminded everyone to get out and vote tomorrow, July 22, 2003.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of June 16, 2003.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Markham seconded, for approval of the regular Common Council minutes of June 16, 2003.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

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Louis Molepske Jr. Item #17 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
924 Lindbergh Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Keiko Tanaka
1534 Illinois Avenue #B Item #10 - Public Protection Committee meeting of July 14,
Stevens Point, WI 54481 2003

Jo Seiser Item #17 - Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council
616 Fourth Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

5. Plan Commission meeting of July 7, 2003.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of July 7, 2003.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

6. Public hearing - request of Viking Holding Inc., 2201 Eagle Summit, to construct a rest home/home for the aged, 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. Moore moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for adoption of the resolution.

Ald. Seiser asked how many of these types of units are currently located in this area?

Director Gardner replied there are two other developments that are similar to this request.

Ald. Seiser would like to know if the property owners pay taxes on these types of units?

Director Gardner said, yes they pay taxes.

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

Nays: Ald. Seiser.

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

8. Introduction of Resolution vacating a portion of right of way along Doolittle Drive.

Clerk Zdroik explained all that is needed this evening is an alderperson to introduce the resolution vacating a portion of right of way along Doolittle Drive and another alderperson to second. No action will be taken tonight.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to introduce the resolution vacating a portion of right of way along Doolittle Drive.

9. Resolution - Housing Block Grant Application.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Public Protection Committee meeting of July 14, 2003.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the Public Protection Committee minutes of July 14, 2003, with item #4 pulled for further discussion.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

Keiko Tanaka expressed her concerns regarding the reasons given at the Public Protection Committee for disapproval of holding a group yard sale in the downtown.

Ald. Sevenich suggested two alternative locations in the downtown area to hold the sale. The alderperson would rather see the group sale held at a different downtown location.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to deny the request of Concerned Citizens of Stevens Point to hold a group yard sale on Saturday, August 2, 2003, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., on the corner of Strongs Avenue and Main Street.

Ald. Seiser supports the request to hold a group yard sale downtown.

Ald. Walther feels if this request is approved, it will set a precedence.

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

Nays: Ald. Seiser.

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

11. Board of Public Works meeting of July 14, 2003.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of July 14, 2003.

Ald. Seiser said two driveways for one lot does not meet the city code. The alderperson asked why does this city property have a mound system and not city water and sewer?

Surveyor Hild stated the speed limit in front of this lot is 35 mph and backing out of a driveway from this property could be dangerous. The house next door to this property also has a U-shaped driveway. The surveyor also stated there is no city water or sewer at this location.

Ald. Seiser asked if this is new construction?

Surveyor Hild replied, yes.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Finance Committee meeting of July 14, 2003.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Rackow seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of July 14, 2003.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Personnel Committee meeting of July 14, 2003.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Personnel Committee minutes of July 14, 2003.

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

14. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of July 17, 2003.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of July 17, 2003.

Ald. Phillips asked how the payback schedule will work?

Adm. Services Manager Halverson said currently, the utility billing is through Sentry Insurance. Sentry Insurance is paid a set amount of money for their service.

Ald. Phillips said so it costs the City \$50,000 per year to pay Sentry for their services?

Adm. Services Manager Halverson said the payback would take approximately 2.6 years.

Ald. Phillips asked after the approximately 2.6 years, would the City make an extra \$50,000 per year?

Adm. Services Manager Halverson replied that is correct.

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

15. Reports:

Police and Fire Commission meeting of July 15, 2003.
Comptroller-Treasurer's report - May 2003.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Barr seconded, to accept the reports and place them on file.

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

16. Mayor's appointment.

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Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Rackow seconded, for confirmation of the Mayor's appointment.

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

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

Louis Molepske Jr. is a candidate for the 71st Assembly District. Mr. Molepske asked for support and please vote on July 22, 2003.

Jo Seiser is a write-in candidate for the 71st Assembly District. Ms. Seiser asked for the support of those who did not vote for either herself or Louis Molepske Jr. at the last election. Ms. Seiser urged everyone to please get out and vote.

18. Adjournment - 7:40 P.M.

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