

Meeting Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers, County-City Building

June 17, 2002, 7:00P.M.

Mayor Gary W. Wescott, presiding

Roll Call: Present: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Filipiak, Seiser, Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Nealis, Phillips, Moore

Also Present: Comptroller/Treasurer Schlice, City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Zdroik, Directors Van Alstine, Gardner, Schrader; Police Chief Carpenter, Fire Chief Barnes, Assessor Kuehn, Transit Manager Lemke, Portage County Personnel Director Freiberg, Personnel Specialist Jakusz, Administrative Assistant Molepske, Kari Yenter, Barb Martin (Journal), Matt Mattano (WIZD), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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

Mayor Wescott congratulated SPASH's state champion softball team.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of May 20, 2002, and Special Common Council meeting of June 11, 2002.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the regular Common Council minutes of May 20, 2002, and the Special Common Council minutes of June 11, 2002.

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.

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41 SIEO - UWSP Council
Stevens Point, WI 54481

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Stevens Point, WI 54481

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Stevens Point, WI 54481

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

6. Ordinance amending Chapter 17, Broadband Telecommunications Franchise Enabling Ordinance.

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

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

7. Public hearing on the cable franchise agreement between the City of Stevens Point and Charter Cable Partners, LLC, dba Charter Communications, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

8. Cable Franchise Agreement between the City of Stevens Point and Charter Cable Partners, LLC, dba Charter Communications.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the cable franchise agreement between the City of Stevens Point and Charter Cable Partners, LLC, dba Charter Communications.

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

9. Approval of the Ambulance Contract between the City of Stevens Point and Portage County.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for approval of the Ambulance Contract between the City of Stevens Point and Portage County.

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

10. Plan Commission meeting of June 3, 2002.

Reid Rocheleau expressed his concerns about the request for two buildings on one lot on the corner of Water and Park Streets.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of June 3, 2002, with item #3 and item #12 pulled for further discussion.

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

Item #3 - Two Buildings on One Lot - Corner of Water and Park Streets

Ald. Phillips stated this lot has been a continued problem in the neighborhood.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, to deny the request for two buildings on one lot on the corner of Water and Park Streets.

Jim Guzman, representing Mr. Opiola, explained the reasons for the development on this site.

Ald. Seiser does not feel the commercial development will be a good neighbor to this residential area. Two buildings on one lot is not common, the alderperson added.

Director Gardner said this is a good opportunity to make improvements that should be made to the property. The Director added screening to the north side of the property line to create separation from the parking area and the homes to the north.

Jim Guzman noted before the fire to this property occurred, the property was zoned industrial. The owner of the property agreed with Mr. Gardner to rezone the property to commercial zoning.

Ald. Seiser asked if the adjacent neighbors have been notified?

Director Gardner replied three neighbors and the owner were notified.

Ald. Nealis said it would be injustice on the part of the property owner to take advantage of an unfortunate situation and prohibit the owner from redeveloping this property.

Ald. Sowieja is in favor of the development. It would be a great addition to the neighborhood.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, Barr, Seiser, Walther, Sevenich.
Nays: Ald. Nealis, Molski, Rackow, Sowieja, Filipiak.
Ayes - 6. Nays - 5. Motion carried.

Item #12 - Downtown Plan Adoption

Ald. Molski asked that the construction of a public square or green area near the bus loading by Shopko be moved from Phase II to Phase I of the Downtown Plan.

Director Gardner said he will keep this in mind.

Ald. Filipiak is disappointed there is no mention of a pedestrian mall.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, to accept the Downtown Plan with an amendment to include the construction of a public square in the bus depot area.

Mayor Wescott reminded the Council this is a finance item that is coming back next month or in August depending upon what will happen with the state budget.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Filipiak, Seiser, Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Phillips, Moore.
Nays: Ald. Nealis.
Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

11. Public hearing - amending the zoning ordinance which would classify Lots 40-46 of Hunter Oaks First Addition, City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin, as AR-3" Two Family Zoning, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

12. Ordinance on the above.

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

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

13. Public hearing - request of Stevens Point Area School District to reconstruct and expand the existing parking lot at SPASH as a Conditional Use. This property being located in AR-2" Single Family Zoning and described as lying south of North Point Drive, west of Prentice Street North, north of Scholfield Avenue extended, and east of Second Street North, was declared open by the Mayor.

Rick Rettler, Rettler Corporation, presented and explained an exhibit showing the updated proposed development of the SPASH parking lot.

Mayor Wescott declared the public hearing closed.

14. Resolution on the above.

Mayor Wescott stated the Plan Commission approved the resurfacing of the existing parking lot and postponed action on Phase II which is the development of the additional lots. The Mayor asked can the City Council take action on items that were delayed at the Plan Commission meeting?

City Attorney Molepske said any item that action was taken on at the Plan Commission meeting, can be acted on. Any item the Plan Commission postponed action on cannot be dealt with.

Director Gardner said the action taken by the Plan Commission was on Phase I. Phase II was tabled by the Plan Commission. The Director addressed the concerns with Phase II of the SPASH parking lot reconstruction and expansion as a conditional use.

Mayor Wescott said on Monday, June 24, 2002, the community will have a clear direction from the Board of Education as what it has authorized in regards to the SPASH parking lot. When the Plan Commission meets on July 1, 2002, they will be able to address this issue at that time.

Ald. Moore moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, to return the entire request of Stevens Point Area School District to reconstruct and expand the existing parking lot at SPASH as a Conditional Use to the July Plan Commission meeting for further review.

Ald. Sowieja asked by sending the entire request back to the Plan Commission in July, will this resolve an issue by the school district to get started on the project?

Mayor Wescott replied, no.

Bill Palmer, representing the school district, said the School Board authorized to get bids on the entire plan. The School Board is concerned about the budget.

Mayor Wescott asked after the School Board meeting next Monday, will the school district know what is approved to proceed forward with and what is put on hold?

Bill Palmer replied, yes.

Mayor Wescott said with the Plan Commission meeting only one week later, that should fall within the school district's time line.

Bill Palmer would like to allow the contractor to start tearing up the existing blacktop on June 26, 2002.

City Attorney Molepske does not believe the tearing up of the existing blacktop needs Council approval.

Director Gardner noted starting demolition before Council approval is at the owner's risk.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Filipiak, Seiser, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Phillips, Moore.
Nays: Ald. Sowieja, Nealis.
Ayes - 9. Nays - 2. Motion carried.

15. Public hearing - request of Brad Debot, 2925 Welsby Avenue, to operate a sheet metal fabricator business as a Conditional Use. This property being located in AM-1" Light Industrial Zoning and described as Lot 1, CSM #1040-4-98, being part of the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of S4 T23N R8E, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

16. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Barr seconded, for adoption of the resolution.

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

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D) Deuces Wild Tavern - 916 Maria Drive, to expand an existing Conditional Use, was declared open by the Mayor.

Andrew Bushard, 41 SIEO - UWSP, urged the Council to deny the requests of the four taverns to expand the existing conditional use.

Mayor Wescott declared the public hearing closed.

18. Resolutions on the above.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Nealis seconded, for adoption of the resolutions.

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

19. Public Protection Committee meeting of June 10, 2002.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the Public Protection Committee minutes of June 10, 2002, with item #2-Request to keep Racing Homing Pigeons, Recommended rejections for Cindy Luke, Renee Wiza and David Cooper, and item #3-Request to hold truck cruise by Truckin' Buddies Club on Saturday, August 10, 2002, pulled for further discussion.

Item #2 - Request to keep Racing Homing Pigeons

Doug Lane, 825 Pulaski Place, said currently, the owners have approximately 60 pigeons. Mr. Lane is concerned with the noise, smell, diseases and an increase in the fly population from the pigeons. Mr. Lane is also concerned the pigeons will decrease the value of his property.

Ald. Sevenich said before this evening, she has not received any comments about the pigeons.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, to approve the request to keep Racing Homing Pigeons as presented with a sunset clause of one year.

Ald. Nealis suggested the owners moving the pigeons to another portion of the lot away from the neighbors.

Ald. Sevenich will meet with the owners of the pigeons and the neighbor, Mr. Lane to discuss the concerns about the pigeons.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Filipiak, Sowieja, Barr, Rackow, Nealis.

Nays: Ald. Seiser, Molski, Phillips, Moore.

Ayes - 7. Nays - 4. Motion carried.

Item #1E. - Transfer of "Class B" Beer and Liquor - The Keg, 200 Isadore Street from Partnership to LLC

Carol Garski, 200 Isadore Street, said the Inspection Department inspected and approved the area for a beer garden. Mrs. Garski would like the Council to consider the request for a beer garden on the southwest corner of building.

Item #1F. Rejections

Renee Wiza, 2601 Indiana Avenue #26, admitted to the possession of drug paraphernalia and not listing it on her application for a bartender license. She was not trying to deceive or hide this fact. Ms. Wiza added the list of guidelines did not mention drug paraphernalia so she did not know she needed to list it on the application. Ms. Wiza is a single mom of four children. If she is not issued a license she will lose her job. Ms. Wiza read two letters, one from her manager and one from the Retail Supervisor in support of Ms. Wiza.

Cindy Luke, 312 Clinton Court, misunderstood the application for all the requirements of getting a license. The guidelines all have time frames involved. Ms. Luke had two OWIs which did not fall within the guideline's time frame so she honestly did not know she was suppose to list them.

Al Kawalske, on behalf of David Cooper, said when applying for a bartender license, a list of guidelines is first given to the applicant. After reading the guidelines, the applicant then fills out the application for a bartender license. The applicant still has the time frames for convictions listed on the guidelines in their mind. If the applicant's convictions do not fall within those time frames they do not realize they must list the convictions on the application. Mr. Cooper already holds a valid bartender license in another municipality within the state of Wisconsin. What would a person have to gain in attempt to deceive information when you know a background check will be performed? Mr. Kawalske suggested not having the list of guidelines at all and just list all convictions on the bartender application.

Reid Rocheleau, Village of Whiting, is concerned with the process for applying for a bartender license.

City Attorney Molepske explained the Public Protection Committee has the duty to check out individuals who have applied for a license. The City Clerk's office thoroughly explains the bartender/operator application forms and process to all the applicants. The Attorney does not know how much more we can do for the applicants.

Ald. Phillips explained how the list of requirements that was recommended by the Police Department were arrived at. The application form for a bartender/operator license has been thoroughly reviewed.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to deny the requests of Renee Wiza, Cindy Luke and David Cooper for an operator/bartender license as presented.

Ald. Nealis does not like to make the decision to cast someone out of employment. The alderman wished the applicants would fill in the application correctly so he does not have to make these decisions.

Ald. Filipiak said it is wrong to deny the two individuals for not listing their convictions on their applications since their convictions do not fall within the guidelines for denial.

Ald. Walther noted Ms. Wiza would have been denied a license even if she listed her violation on the application.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Barr, Rackow, Nealis, Phillips, Moore.

Nays: Ald. Filipiak, Seiser, Sowieja, Molski.

Ayes - 7. Nays - 4. Motion carried.

Item #3 - Request to hold truck cruise - Truckin' Buddies Club on Saturday, August 10, 2002 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Ald. Phillips asked what route the Police Department approved for the Truckin' Buddies Club truck cruise?

Chief Carpenter replied route #1 was approved for the truck cruise.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, to approve route #1 for the truck cruise - Truckin' Buddies Club on Saturday, August 10, 2002, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

The following is the vote on the main motion.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

20. Ordinance - creating Section 24.45, Chapter 24 - Sexually Oriented Businesses.

Chief Carpenter said based on the Police Department's experience and a review of case studies recommends the Stevens Point Common Council move to pass Ordinance 24.45 - Sexually Oriented Businesses to enable the community to minimize the negative secondary effects associated with Sexually Oriented Businesses. The Police Department's recommendation is not an attempt to regulate first amendment rights to free speech or expression. This recommendation is to encourage the Council to pass an ordinance to help regulate the conduct and behavior of employees and patrons of Sexually Oriented Businesses and thereby help minimize negative secondary effects. Chief Carpenter listed the known negative secondary effects. The Chief provided a brief synopsis of four case studies: Delafield, WI (1988), Tucson, AZ (1990), Garden Grove, CA (1991), and State of Delaware (1991). The Police Department's recommendation is to pass the ordinance which is before you to enable this community to effectively address the negative secondary effects that Sexually Oriented Businesses can have in a community if behavior is not properly regulated. Chief Carpenter's documents were entered into the official record.

City Attorney Molepske stated the City can rely on studies that were conducted for the adoption of police powers which regulate Sexually Oriented Businesses.

Administrative Assistant Molepske recited findings regarding health issues relating to Sexually Oriented Businesses. The Administrative Assistant noted some editorial changes to the Sexually Oriented Businesses ordinance. Administrative Assistant Molepske's document were placed into the official record.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for adoption of the Sexually Oriented Businesses Ordinance with the editorial changes as outlined.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

21. Ordinance - creating Section 12.02, Chapter 12 - Public Square - Farmers Market.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for adoption of the Public Square - Farmers Market Ordinance with the word "Reserved" deleted from Section II of the ordinance and adding that the list of vendor's names and addresses be posted on the premises.

Dan Mielke, 2550 County Road II, feels the list of vendors on the premises would be a good idea.

Clerk Zdroik noted she is planning on having identification cards for the fifteen vendors who have reserved stalls.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

22. Ordinance - creating Section 12.18, Chapter 12 - Food Vending Carts on City Property and repealing Section 16.08 - Private Vendors on City Property.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, for adoption of the ordinance.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

23. Finance Committee meeting of June 10, 2002.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of June 10, 2002.

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

24. Personnel Committee meeting of June 10, 2002.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for approval of the Personnel Committee minutes of June 10, 2002.

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

25. Ratification of the 2001-2002 Tentative Labor Agreement with AFSCME Local 309 - Stevens Point City Transit Employees.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Molski seconded, to ratify the 2001-2002 tentative labor agreement with AFSCME Local 309 - Stevens Point City Transit Employees.

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

26. Board of Public Works meeting of June 10, 2002.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of June 10, 2002, with item #6 and item #7 pulled for further discussion.

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

Item #6 - Approval of Relocation Orders and Plats for Southside Business District

John Kedrowski, 1740 Madison Street, addressed concerns about the Southside Business District project and process. The City of Stevens Point was awarded STP Urban Funds which added approximately 1.2 million dollars to the project. A new Citizens Advisory Committee needs to be established to address issues concerning the Southside Business District project. There are a lot of uncertainties for the southside businesses and residents.

Mayor Wescott noted he was already approached by Ald. Phillips and Ald. Sowieja to ask that a second Citizens Advisory Committee be established.

Director Van Alstine said in August 2001, the Council authorized the project. The project has not been changed since August.

Mayor Wescott asked how has the footprint of this project changed?

Director Van Alstine said grants were applied for the removal of the buildings. The entirety of those grants will be used to purchase the buildings.

Craig Hansen, 2317 Division Street, said with the buildings being removed, the plans need to be adjusted accordingly. The plan from the original Citizens Advisory Committee did not include the removal of the buildings. Mr. Hansen stands to lose a lot of parking area.

Norm Barber, 2400 Church Street, does not feel the City is ready to do the project right because the plans are not right yet.

Al Koerten, 3430 Arbor Vitae Court, feels it is important that the dialog between the City and the southside property owners remain open.

Adam Osypowski, 1927 Dixon Street, stated the plans no longer fit the project. The City must make sure the design is correct before moving forward.

Ald. Sowieja said this has been an on going process for years. The alderperson does not have a big problem with the current design plan. If the design is changed with the land acquisition, the traffic should be rerouted further to the east.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for approval of the Relocation Orders and Plats for Southside Business District.

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

Item #7A - Permits to Open East End of Main Street

Ald. Seiser would like the City to first try good signage on Division Street which is far less costly than opening the east end of Main Street.

Ann Kulinski, 1515 Wyatt Avenue, said this process has been taking place for about one year now. Opening the east end of Main Street was one of the priorities identified by each one of the focus groups. Ms. Kulinski submitted a petition supporting the opening of the east end of Main Street. The petition was placed on record.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Barr seconded, to authorize City staff to formally approach the Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding permits to open the east end of Main Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, Nealis, Molski, Rackow, Barr, Sowieja, Filipiak, Walther, Sevenich.
Nays: Ald. Seiser.
Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

27. Special Board of Public Works meeting of June 17, 2002.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the Special Board of Public Works minutes of June 17, 2002.

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

28. Board of Park Commissioners meeting of June 5, 2002.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Nealis seconded, for approval of the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of June 5, 2002.

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

29. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of June 7, 2002.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Nealis seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of June 7, 2002.

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

30. Telecommunications Commission meeting of May 30, 2002.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Nealis seconded, for approval of the Telecommunications Commission minutes of May 30, 2002.

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

31. Reports:

Comptroller-Treasurer's report - April 2002.

Police and Fire Commission meetings of June 4, 2002 and June 11, 2002.

Transportation Commission meeting of May 29, 2002.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Nealis seconded, to accept the reports and place them on file.

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

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

Andrew Bushard expressed his concerns about the use of alcohol.

33. Adjournment - 10:00 P.M.

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