

Meeting Minutes

FINANCE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 8, 2001 AT 7:10 P.M.

CITY WATER DEPARTMENT

PRESENT: Chairman Barr, Ald. Rackow, Phillips, Nealis, and Pazdernik

ALSO PRESENT: Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice; Mayor Wescott; City Attorney Molepske; Clerk Zdroik; Admin. Asst. Marciniak; Directors Van Alstine, Gardner; Schrader; Assessor Kuehn; Administrator Disher; Fire Chief Barnes; Capt. Dowling; Ald. Walther, Kedrowski, Sevenich, Molski, Seiser, Moore; Gene Kemmeter (Gazette); Scott Krueger (WIZD); Mike Jacquard (Stevens Point Journal); Reid Rocheleau

ITEM #1 - ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Phillips to approve the report of the Assessor and place it on file.

Ald. Phillips commented that he had received several calls regarding the mobile home tax bills being late and he stated that hopefully next year they could be done a week earlier.

Assessor Kuehn replied that the tax payment is due in the Treasurer's Office by January 10th and they do everything within their power to get them done by the end of December. She asked that it be kept in mind that December is a very busy month for both offices. She stated that her office has phone calls and people stopping in to their office regarding questions on their bills. Also, any new construction in progress needs to be inspected before January 1. There are about 300 mobile homes that have to be calculated. She also stated that they have not missed a deadline and if they could do it faster, they would, but with being short staffed, it was the soonest they could get them out this year. She stated that if mobile home owners wanted an estimate they could get one from their office.

Ald. Phillips stated he will tell the mobile home owners that if they want a figure earlier, they should call her office and she will get it for them.

Assessor Kuehn agreed.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #2 - DOWNTOWN PLAN

Director Gardner stated that they applied for a grant. There is a record number of applications, so funding is not certain. The Mayor asked that we begin the process of creation of a committee and review of consultants so that we could begin the project in a timely manner. In the event that the grant is not approved by the State, that the Council would approve the \$15,000 from this years special plan account to go along with the expenditure amount of \$9,000 from last years account that will cover the cost of the entire project. If we do get the grant, we would not be spending it all and if we do not get the grant we will have the money there to proceed with it.

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Phillips to approve proceeding with the downtown plan as presented.

Ald. Kedrowski questioned if there is a possibility this could be done for the Business 51 corridor.

Director Gardner stated that has been discussed and he thinks it would be possible. He agreed that there is a need for looking at the vacancies along the corridor and there is a lot of differences on what is happening on Business 51 versus what is happening downtown.

Ald. Seiser questioned if there is a current downtown plan that this one will be updating. She supports re-looking at the downtown area.

Director Gardner replied this would update the 1980's plan that resulted in the construction of the Mall.

Ald. Phillips questioned if the plan included parking for the downtown.

Director Gardner stated that parking will be looked at as well as infrastructures.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #3 - APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Phillips to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$362,902.80.

The claims were discussed.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Adjournment at 7:20 P.M.

Note: A question was asked on the tax payment for Brilowski Road. This was for property acquired for right of way from a private party. The meeting minutes reproduced on this website are derived from the computer files used to produce the official minutes for the City of Stevens Point, but are unofficial. The minutes on this web site cannot be certified under s. 889.08, Wis. Stats., and cannot be considered prima facie evidence under s. 889.04, Wis. Stats. Certain tables, maps, and other documents that are a part of the official minutes are not included in the files reproduced on this website. Please consult the printed minutes, available in the City Clerk's Office, for the official text. The decisions made by City of Stevens Point boards, committees, and commissions (other than the Police & Fire Commission) are advisory only and are not binding on the city until affirmed at a meeting of the Common Council. Some of the minutes on this web site might not be approved by the Common Council as of today.

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