

Meeting Minutes
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers
March 20, 2000
County-City Building
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Gary W. Wescott, presiding

Roll Call: Present: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Perlak, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Aldinger, Nealis, Phillips, Niedbalski
Also Present: Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Zdroik, Directors Gardner, Van Alstine, Schrader; Police Chief Carpenter, Water/Sewage Adm. Disher, Assessor Kuehn, Transit Manager Lemke, Design Engineer Yauch, Portage County Senior Planner Schuler, Adm. Asst. Bumgarner, Kari Yenter, Susan Kampmeier (Journal), Scott Krueger (WIZD), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

2. Salute to the flag and prayer.

On this first day of spring, Mayor Wescott publicly thanked former Mayor Paul Borham for his many years of dedication and hard work as a public servant. Mr. Borham served as an alderman from 1961 to 1969, as Stevens Point mayor from 1969 to 1975, and served on the County Board from 1985 to 2000.

3. Approval of minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of February 21, 2000.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the regular common council minutes of February 21, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

4. *Persons who wish to address the mayor and council on specific agenda items. Those who wish to address the Common Council on an agenda item labeled as a "Public Hearing" are not required to identify themselves until the Public Hearing.

Nancy Kurszewski Item #23 - Consideration of Claims
2949 Water Street
Stevens Point WI 54481

Lois Weed Item #23 - Consideration of Claims
2941 Water Street
Stevens Point WI 54481

Reid Rocheleau Item #29 - Non-Agenda Item
Village of Whiting

5. Census 2000 Report - Clerk Zdroik.

Clerk Zdroik presented a brief report on Census 2000. A copy of that report is attached.

6. Plan Commission meeting of March 6, 2000.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Barr seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of March 6, 2000.

Ald. Kedrowski asked if the only options are to pass or deny the ordinance presented.

Mayor Wescott stated that is correct.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearing - Rezoning 2156 Water Street from "R-3" Single and Two Family to "B-4" Commercial zoning, was declared open by the Mayor.

Reid Rocheleau, property owner, disagrees with the decision made by the Plan Commission regarding his rezoning request at 2156 Water Street. Mr. Rocheleau stated only selective and prejudicial evidence was used when determining the denial of his request. Mr. Rocheleau addressed some of the comments made at the Plan Commission meeting of March 6, 2000, like the future of Water Street. Mr. Rocheleau said if Water Street is widened, he is supportive of the commercial zoning and development of the area. If the width of Water Street stays as it is, the area should remain residential.

Mayor Wescott declared the public hearing closed.

8. Ordinance on the above.

Ald. Kedrowski said the Plan Commission was working with a 1982 study which is out dated and should not be accepted. The alderman compared the rezoning request with the hospital expansion and the development of the Shave property located at Highway 10 East and Brilowski Road.

Ald. Kedrowski moved, Ald. Perlak seconded, to approve the ordinance rezoning 2156 Water Street from "R-3" Single and Two Family to "B-4" Commercial zoning.

Ald. Rackow recommended voting against the rezoning request. The alderman does not feel we should approve the rezoning request that will increase traffic. The Plan Commission did not support the rezoning of 2156 Water Street.

Ald. Nealis stated the comparison with the hospital is a poor comparison. The development on the Shave property was well planned, the alderman said. Ald. Nealis said the rezoning request on Water Street will not benefit the Water Street residents, the city or Mr. Rocheleau.

Ald. Kedrowski stated the hospital expansion has dramatically increased the traffic for that area. The amount of traffic has increased by approximately 10 times.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Kedrowski, Perlak.

Nays: Ald. Niedbalski, Phillips, Nealis, Aldinger, Rackow, Barr, Pazdernik, Walther, Sevenich.

Ayes - 2. Nays - 9. Motion defeated.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to deny the ordinance rezoning 2156 Water Street from "R-3" Single and Two Family to "B-4" Commercial zoning.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Barr, Rackow, Aldinger, Nealis, Phillips, Niedbalski.

Nays: Ald. Perlak, Kedrowski.

Ayes - 9. Nays - 2. Motion carried.

9. Public Hearing - Rezoning 1608 and 1616 West River Drive from "M-1" Light Industrial to "B-4" Commercial Zoning, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

10. Ordinance on the above.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Niedbalski seconded, for adoption of the ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Perlak, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Aldinger, Nealis, Phillips, Niedbalski.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. Public Hearing - Granting a Conditional Use - expansion of temporary housing at 1616 West River Drive, was declared open by the Mayor.

Mary Patoka, CAP Services, supports the expansion of 1616 West River Drive to help meet the growing needs of the facility.

Mayor Wescott declared the public hearing closed.

12. Resolution on the above.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Niedbalski, Phillips, Nealis, Aldinger, Rackow, Barr, Kedrowski, Perlak, Pazdernik, Walther, Sevenich.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Ordinance - Annexation - Heffron Woods First Addition - Leahy Avenue at Heffron Street.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Pazdernik seconded, for adoption of the ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Perlak, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Aldinger, Nealis, Phillips, Niedbalski.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Public Hearing - Rezoning Heffron Woods First Addition to "R-1" Suburban Single Family Zoning, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

15. Ordinance on the above.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Aldinger seconded, for adoption of the ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Niedbalski, Phillips, Nealis, Aldinger, Rackow, Barr, Kedrowski, Perlak, Pazdernik, Walther, Sevenich.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. Resolution - Approving Preliminary Plat - Heffron Woods First Addition - Leahy Avenue at Heffron Street.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Perlak, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Aldinger, Nealis, Phillips, Niedbalski.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

17. Resolution - Approving Final Plat Parkwood Sixth Addition.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Perlak, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Aldinger, Nealis, Phillips, Niedbalski.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ald. Nealis noted he received a written letter and permission from the City Attorney to vote on issues relating to the Parkwood Subdivision.

18. Public Protection Committee meeting of March 13, 2000.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the Public Protection Committee minutes of March 13, 2000.

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

19. Board of Public Works meeting of March 13, 2000.

Ald. Perlak moved, Ald. Aldinger seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of March 13, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Niedbalski, Phillips, Nealis, Aldinger, Rackow, Barr, Kedrowski, Perlak, Pazdernik, Walther, Sevenich.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Preliminary Resolution - Utility Extension - St. Paul Street - North of Jordan Lane and Doolittle Drive - East of Wilshire Boulevard.

Ald. Aldinger moved, Ald. Pazdernik seconded, for adoption of the Preliminary Resolution - Utility Extension - St. Paul Street- North of Jordan Lane and Doolittle Drive - East of Wilshire Boulevard.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Perlak, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Aldinger, Nealis, Phillips, Niedbalski.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

21. Ordinance - Traffic Studies:

9.05(g) 273. Create a No Parking Zone on the south side of Jefferson Street from Texas Avenue to a point 220 feet east of Texas Avenue.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Perlak, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Aldinger, Nealis, Phillips, Niedbalski.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

22. Finance Committee meeting of March 13, 2000.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Nealis seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of March 13, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Niedbalski, Phillips, Nealis, Aldinger, Rackow, Barr, Kedrowski, Perlak, Pazdernik, Walther, Sevenich.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

23. Consideration of claims:

1. Maria Boris
2. Lois Weed
3. Nancy Kurszewski

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Pazdernik seconded, to deny the claim for Maria Boris.

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

Lois Weed, 2941 Water Street, would like to know when will the city do something about her claim. Ms. Weed stated she has a lot of big bills to pay and does not have the money to pay for them.

Nancy Kurszewski, 2949 Water Street, stated her basement was flooded with 20 inches of sewer water. Ms. Kurszewski said the costs for the clean up and replacement of the items were not expected. She would like the City to do something at this point.

Ald. Barr said a meeting with other city officials has been set for preliminary discussions on how to handle this situation and to check on how other communities are handling similar situations.

Ald. Niedbalski said there is no other choice but to deny these claims at this time. If the city changes its policy, these claims could be made retroactive.

Ald. Niedbalski moved, Ald. Barr seconded, to deny the claims for Lois Weed and Nancy Kurszewski with the Mayor directing a study of our current policy regarding sewer backups and the two claims could be acted on retroactively if we have a change in policy.

Ald. Nealis asked what are the costs involved to the two property owners?

Nancy Kurszewski stated her bill from ServiceMaster for the clean up of her basement was just over \$4,000.00 and the cost to replace the heater was just under \$1,000.00.

Lois Weed stated the cost for the clean up of her basement was \$1400.00, \$440.00 for the water heater, and a service charge of \$42.00 for the washing machine and dryer.

Both Ms. Kurszewski and Ms. Weed lost some personal belongings.

Ald. Nealis asked if something could be done temporarily to help the property owners. Is there some type of fund to help these property owners out until the situation is resolved?

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

24. Board of Park Commissioners meeting of March 1, 2000.

Ald. Aldinger moved, Ald. Nealis seconded, for approval of the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of March 1, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

25. Telecommunications Commission meeting of March 7, 2000.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the Telecommunications Commission minutes of March 7, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

26. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of March 13, 2000.

Ald. Niedbalski moved, Ald. Rackow seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of March 13, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Perlak, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Aldinger, Nealis, Phillips, Niedbalski.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

27. Reports of various officers and commission.

Comptroller-Treasurer s report - January 2000.

Special Police and Fire Commission minutes of March 3, 2000.

Police and Fire Commission minutes of February 22, 2000 and March 14, 2000.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Perlak seconded, to accept the reports and place them on file.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

28. Mayor s appointments.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

[Term of Office]

Re-appoint Ald. Mike Phillips, 2302 Water Street

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

[1 - year term expires 04-20-01]

Re-appoint Ald. Perry Pazdernik, 2000 Main Street

Re-appoint Ald. Hans Walther, 2424 Ellis Street

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

[3 - year term expires 04-17-03]

Re-appoint Selma (Sally) Troyanoski, 2101 Center Street

Re-appoint Jack Curtis, 717 Green Avenue

Re-appoint Thomas J. Ness, 1924 Main Street

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Aldinger seconded, for confirmation of the appointments.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Reid Rocheleau thanked Ald. Perlak and Ald. Kedrowski for their support with his rezoning request at 2156 Water Street. If the other members of the council do not support his rezoning request, they should take measures to keep this a residential area.

Mayor Wescott introduced the city aldermanic candidates from the 4th ward, candidate Jo Ellen Seiser and from the 8th and 12th ward, candidates Marge Molski, Tony Patton, and Cindy Wisinski.

30. Adjournment - 8:00 P.M.

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