

Meeting Minutes
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers
County-City Building
September 18, 2000
7:00P.M.

Mayor Gary W. Wescott, presiding Roll Call: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Seiser, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Nealis, Phillips, Moore
Also Present: Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Zdroik, Directors Gardner, Van Alstine, Schrader; Police Chief Carpenter, Interim Fire Chief Koback, Water/Sewage Adm. Disher, Assessor Kuehn, Transit Manager Lemke, Intern Adm. Asst. Marciniak, Portage County Senior Planner Jeff Schuler, Kari Yenter, Mike Jacquart (Journal), Scott Krueger (WIZD), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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

Mayor Wescott pointed out the headline of today s Stevens Point Journal, "Point, Plover make Dreamtown list". The Mayor stated one of the many reasons the City of Stevens Point made the Dreamlist are the people who live here.

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

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the regular Common Council minutes of August 21, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none.

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.

None.

5. Presentations by Police Chief Carpenter, P. J. Jacob Jr. High School Principal Phil Idsvoog, and Ben Franklin Jr. High School Principal Connie Negaard on School Liaison Programs in Stevens Point.

Police Chief Carpenter thanked the City Council for the opportunity to speak about the school liaison program. This is the second year of a three year grant for the junior high school liaison program. Currently, there is one police officer located at each junior high school. The Chief stated the work relationship is great with terrific parent support.

P. J. Jacob Jr. High School Assistant Principal Dan Dobratz thanked the Stevens Point Police Department, City Council, and the Stevens Point School Board for their support. Mr. Dobratz summarized Officer Bink s duties at the school and the liaison program. Since the school liaison program began, there has been a 25 percent drop in serious events including truancy. In the future, Mr. Dobratz asked the council members to please support the school liaison programs.

Ben Franklin Jr. High School Assistant Principal Steven Prokop reviewed the direct and long term impact of the school liaison program. Mr. Prokop stated the school liaison program is a very valuable program. Assistant Principal Prokop asked the City Council for their support of the school liaison program for the future.

Ald. Nealis asked Chief Carpenter if there are any plans to step up the security at the Stevens Point Area High School?

Chief Carpenter stated there is currently one full-time police officer located at SPASH. The Chief is hoping the students will develop a working relationship with the liaison officers at the junior high level and will continue to work with the liaison officer at the Stevens Point Area High School.

Ald. Seiser asked when the term of the grant is ending? Will there be any federal support for the police school liaison program?

Chief Carpenter said the grant for the school liaison program is no longer available. The community as a whole will have to look at the situation of the two officers located at the junior high schools and put it on a scale to weigh the economical interests versus the social interests and productivity. The grant will carry half way through the year 2002.

6. Resolution - Authorizing Marcus Cable Partners - dba Charter Communications, to Temporarily Operate the Cable Communication system.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to adopt the resolution - authorizing Marcus Cable Partners - dba Charter Communications, to temporarily operate the cable communication system.

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

7. Plan Commission meeting of September 11, 2000.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of September 11, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none.
Ald. Nealis abstained. Motion carried.

8. Resolution - Amending the request for Off-Street Parking for Roger s Cinema at 2725 Church Street.

Ald. Kedrowski moved, Ald. Nealis seconded, for adoption of the resolution.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Public Hearing - Conditional Use permit 916 Maria Drive to expand alcohol consumption area to include outdoor volleyball courts, was declared open by the Mayor.

Gerald Waldon, 916 Maria Drive, would like to add to the area where alcohol can be served at the Iguana Club.

Kimberly Ann Blackhawk, 2841 Fawn Lane, submitted plans for additional lighting and fencing at 916 Maria Drive regarding the conditional use permit to expand alcohol consumption area to include the outdoor volleyball courts.

Mayor Wescott asked if it is a subtenant change from what was discussed during the Plan Commission meeting?

Kimberly Blackhawk replied it is the same thing.

The new site plan for 916 Maria Drive was submitted to Director Gardner.

Gerald Waldon stated they are willing to work with the neighbors and add additional fencing if necessary.

Mayor Wescott declared the public hearing closed.

10. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Barr seconded, for adoption of the resolution - conditional use permit at 916 Maria Drive to expand alcohol consumption area to include outdoor volleyball courts as presented.

Ald. Seiser appreciates the fact the representatives of the Iguana Club are willing to work with the neighbors regarding the conditional use permit. The alderperson has concerns with light and noise pollution when commercial businesses are located in residential areas.

Mayor Wescott said one of the conditions of the conditional use permit at 916 Maria Drive is approval is good for a 12-month period with City review of the conditional use at the time of their annual license renewal.

Ald. Rackow would like to hear the comments from Director Gardner regarding the revised plan submitted by Kimberly Blackhawk of the Iguana Club.

Director Gardner believes revisions have been made to the plans at 916 Maria Drive. The Director suggested only adopting the resolution as presented. Do not adopt the new plans submitted tonight to allow time to review the plans further. The Public Protection Committee will deal with **the question of expanding the liquor license at next month s meeting.**

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

Nays: Ald. Seiser.

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

11. Public Hearing - Amending Subsection 16. of Section 23.01 (14)(d) of the Revised Municipal Code - Warehouse Parking Standards, 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. Rackow moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, for adoption of the ordinance.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Public Protection Committee meeting of September 11, 2000.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, for approval of the Public Protection Committee minutes of September 11, 2000.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Ordinance - Amending subsection (4) of Section 12.14 - Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage Ordinance - Elimination of Outdoor Amplification Prohibition.

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

Ald. Seiser is concerned with noise pollution. If anyone has a problem with noise pollution, they should call the police department.

Mayor Wescott said a citizen can call the police department before 11:00 P.M. if they are having problems with loud noise. The music must be turned off at 11:00 P.M.

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

Nays: Ald. Seiser.

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

15. Board of Public Works meeting of September 11, 2000.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of September 11, 2000.

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

16. Ordinance - Traffic Study:

9.02(a)(1) b. West River Drive from Riverview Avenue to the SW city limits. (2100 - 3000 blocks of West River Drive changed from 35 miles per hour speed limit to 25 miles per hour speed limit.)

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Nealis, Molski, Rackow, Barr, Kedrowski, Seiser, Pazdernik, Walther, Sevenich.

Nays: Ald. Phillips.

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

17. Finance Committee meeting of September 11, 2000.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Pazdernik seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of September 11, 2000, with item #2A pulled for further discussion.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ald. Seiser supports the activities at the Lincoln Center. We need to explore more options for possible building sites than have been suggested. The alderperson thinks it is time to look for alternative sites, maybe we need more than one facility to offer these services. If we go this route and choose one of the three options, Ald. Seiser asked, will we be back in 10 years for further expansion?

Ald. Phillips is under the impression alternative sites will be considered.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the city's portion of the funding for the Lincoln Center study and recommend to the city committee members working on the Lincoln Center study to look into alternative site options. If the Lincoln Center study committee decides to go off site and look for other options, the funds that are being approved tonight would also apply to the off site study.

Ald. Nealis said several of the Lincoln Center neighbors are in favor of the Lincoln Center expansion.

Mayor Wescott stated the council can recommend to the city representatives who are on the joint City/County committee working on the Lincoln Center that they become strong advocates for another option. The Council cannot require the joint committee to do that. The Mayor stated the only matter being decided is whether or not you wish to fund a portion of that study as outlined in the Finance Committee minutes of September 11, 2000.

Director Gardner said the reason for looking at rehiring the architect is the first plan came up with an idea of how to expand the current building. Mr. Gardner believes Ald. Phillips asked "Do you really want to spend that much money on this site"? Is the building on this site going to be expandable 10 years from now? The original plans were designed with the idea that you had to stay on the existing grounds. If the architect was not given that limitation, would the architect have come up with a different solution? Director Gardner suggested instead of directing the architect to look at alternative sites, you may want to ask the Lincoln Center staff if they feel this site will be sufficient for their future needs?

Mayor Wescott said if Ald. Nealis would like to make a motion, he could attach a couple of strings to the funding allocation. The Mayor suggested **approving the city's portion to fund the Lincoln Center study with the recommendation city committee members working on the Lincoln Center** the message of looking at alternative sites to the table. The Mayor added if the committee decides to go off site and look for other options, the funds that you are approving tonight would be applied to that study as well. The City of Stevens Point and Portage County are partners so before anything occurs, the City must agree with the funding for the project.

Ald. Nealis stated this is only a beginning step.

Mayor Wescott said it is time to take a fresh look at the study to see if the goals and objectives are still valid.

Ald. Seiser approves of the amendments made to the motion to include the study of off site options. The alderperson recommends to the staff that they start thinking about alternative options. Even if some of the neighbors say it is alright to take some houses out, there is still a lot of opposition from the community to take more houses down.

Mayor Wescott stated if Ald. Nealis motion passes, it will send a very clear message to the city members working on the Lincoln Center study

Ald. Sevenich hoped the expansion of the Lincoln Center would meet the needs of the facility for at least 15 years if not more which is very difficult to do.

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

Nays: Ald. Seiser.

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

18. Ordinance - amending Election Officials (Poll Workers) Compensation.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

19. Resolution - transfer of funds.

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

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

20. Personnel Committee meeting of September 11, 2000.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for approval of the Personnel Committee minutes of September 11, 2000.

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

21. Special Personnel Committee meeting of September 18, 2000.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for approval of the Special Personnel Committee minutes of September 18, 2000.

Ald. Seiser congratulated Todd Ernster on his promotion to City Forester.

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

22. Joint Personnel/Finance/Police & Fire Commission/Water & Sewage Commission meeting of August 29, 2000.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Pazdernik seconded, for approval of the Joint Personnel/Finance/Police & Fire Commission/Water & Sewage Commission minutes of August 29, 2000.

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

23. Board of Park Commissioners meeting of September 6, 2000.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of September 6, 2000, with item #4 and item # 7, pulled for further discussion.

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

Item #4 - Request to use Pfiffner Pioneer Park for the 2nd Annual Tater Town Nationals on July 20-22, 2001.

Ald. Seiser is concerned when people are not allowed to use the park during the weekend the old car show is being held. Cars should be parked in parking lots and people belong in the parks.

Ald. Seiser moved, to deny the request to use Pfiffner Pioneer Park for the 2nd annual Tater Town Nationals on July 20-22, 2001.

The motion was defeated due to a lack of a second.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Nealis seconded, for approval of the request to use Pfiffner Pioneer Park for the 2nd annual Tater Town Nationals on July 20-22, 2001, as stated in the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of September 6, 2000.

Ald. Rackow noted one of the arrangements made at the Park Commissioners meeting is the Green Circle detour signage during this event will be improved. The Tater Town Nationals is a large event with a lot of planning involved.

Ald. Nealis said at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of September 6, 2000, it was strongly suggested after next year, the representatives of the Tater Town Nationals look for an alternative site for the event.

Ald. Kedrowski feels there are enough parks in the City of Stevens Point for people to use for one weekend. The alderperson likes to see some energy in the downtown area. The event will bring business to our downtown.

Ald. Rackow added there will be no parking of vehicles in the area between the Green Circle and the river as stated in the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of September 6, 2000.

Ald. Seiser said a couple of blocks for walkers is a great concern and inconvenience. The alderperson noted there are plenty of large parking lots in the City for this event. If the event is held at the Pfiffner Pioneer Park, they should advertise more so the citizens are aware of the event being held at the park.

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

Item #7 - Request to consider a "Slow No Wake" ordinance on the Wisconsin River from the Clark Street bridge to the Bukolt Park boat launch.

Ald. Seiser said the current rules for the operators of jet skies is to maintain "Slow No Wake" when they are within 100 feet of another boat and maintain "Slow No Wake" if they are 200 feet or less from the shore or pier. When citizens observe violations of these rules, they should call the police.

Ald. Barr stated the definition of "Slow No Wake" is the slowest speed at which you have control of your boat.

Ald. Kedrowski stated if the current rules are "Slow No Wake" when 200 feet from the shore that leaves a small area right down the middle that the "Slow No Wake" would not apply.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, to not consider the "Slow No Wake" ordinance on the Wisconsin River from the Clark Street bridge to Bukolt Park boat launch as stated in the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of September 6, 2000.

Ald. Nealis stated even if there are laws in place, violations of the laws still occur.

Ald. Seiser said the issue of noise pollution from the boats will continue to come up.

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

Nays: Ald. Seiser.

Ayes - 10. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

24. Ordinance - amending Chapter 11 City Forester and Forestry Ordinance.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Barr seconded, for adoption of the ordinance amending Chapter 11 City Forester and Forestry as presented.

Ald. Kedrowski proposed amendments to the City Forester and Forestry Ordinance.

Mayor Wescott stated Ald. Kedrowski s amendments to the ordinance are more restrictive, therefore, no action can be taken on the amendme to the ordinance. The Mayor said the alderperson could recommend to the staff to review his amendments to the ordinance and return the ordinance with the amendments in 30 days.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ald. Kedrowski moved, Ald. Pazdernik seconded, to direct Ald. Kedrowski s amendments to the City Forester and Forestry ordinance back to s for further review and return to the Board of Public Works and Common Council in October.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

25. Telecommunications Commission meeting of August 30, 2000.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the Telecommunications Commission minutes of August 30, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

26. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of September 11, 2000.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Molski seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of September 11, 2000.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

27. Various Reports

Comptroller-Treasurer s report - July 2000.

Police and Fire Commission meetings of August 25, 2000, August 28, 2000,

August 31, 2000 and September 12, 2000.

Transportation Commission meeting of August 30, 2000.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to accept the reports and place them on file.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

Mayor Wescott congratulated C/T Schlice, one of the top thirty, to receive his national certification.

28. Ordinance - Setting Fire Chief s salary.

Mayor Wescott announced Mark Barnes, North Carolina, will be starting as the new Fire Chief in November.

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

Ald. Seiser said it would be a good idea to state for the record what the salary is for the new Fire Chief.

Mayor Wescott replied the salary for the Fire Chief is \$59,000.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

29. Mayor s appointments.

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Appoint Alderperson Jerry R. Moore 317 Division Street North

BOARD OF WATER AND SEWAGE COMMISSION - 5-year term expires 10-01-05

Appoint Ann Shannon 5540 Oakwood Avenue

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION - 2-year term expires 10-01-02

Reappoint Scott Colantonio 3740 Robert Street

Reappoint Nick Pintar 3025 Simonis Street

Reappoint Loretta Wyhuske 601 Clayton Avenue

SMONGESKI HEALTH FUND COMMITTEE - 1 year term expires 09-01-01

Appoint Anne Klesmith 1633 W River Drive

Cherrie Pavelec-Marti 900 Illinois Avenue

Betty Skierka 824 Second Street North

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, for confirmation of the Mayor s appointments.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

30. Persons who wish to address the mayor and council for up to three (3) minutes on non-agenda item, and time strictly enforced.

Loretta Wyhuske, 601 Clayton Avenue, invited the council members to a program that the league of women voters is sponsoring about campaign finance reform on Tuesday, September 26, 2000, at 7:00 P.M. at the Portage County Courthouse Annex.

Clerk Zdroik wished Mayor Wescott a Happy "50th" Birthday on Wednesday, September 20, 2000.

31. Adjournment - 8:20 P.M.

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