

Meeting Minutes
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers
County-City Building
October 16, 2000
7:00P.M.

Mayor Gary W. Wescott, presiding Roll Call: Ald. Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Seiser, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Nealis, Phillips, Moore
Excused: Ald. Molski

Also Present: Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Zdroik, Directors Gardner, Schrader; Police Chief Carpenter, Assessor Kuehn, Personnel Specialist Jakusz, Design Engineer Yauch, Intern Adm. Asst. Marciniak, 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 stated with the troubles in the Middle East, flags are being flown at half-staff. Our thoughts are with the families of the crew members aboard the USS Cole. Also on this World Hunger Day, the Mayor shared the statistics of hungry people in Portage County. The new statistics are alarming for Portage County.

3. Approval of minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of September 18, 2000.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the regular Common Council minutes of September 18, 2000.

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.

None.

5. Plan Commission meeting of October 2, 2000.

Ald. Rackow asked Director Gardner to comment on the new site plan for the construction of the mini warehouse at 1801 Patch Street.

Mayor Wescott said this site plan reflects the work done and the agreements made between the Plan Commission and the developer. This site plan better reflects the final action taken by the Plan Commission.

Director Gardner said one exception to the site plan is it does not show all the landscaping on the southern boundary line between the single family land and the proposed mini warehouses.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for approval of the Plan Commission minutes of October 2, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

6. Public Hearing - Conditional Use permit to construct a mini warehouse - 1801 Patch Street (southwest corner of Patch and Church Streets), 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. Phillips moved, Ald. Kedrowski seconded, for adoption of the resolution.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Public Hearing - Conditional Use permit to construct a 22-bed Community Based Residential Facility - 2225 Eagle Summit, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

9. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for adoption of the resolution.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Public Hearing - Conditional Use permit to construct a communication tower at Goerke Park and lease of City-owned property, was declared open by the Mayor.

Janet McKnight, 1119 Minnesota Avenue, strongly opposes the construction of a communication tower at Goerke Park. Mrs. McKnight stated the communication tower will decrease the value of her property.

Mayor Wescott declared the public hearing closed.

11. Resolution on the above.

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

Ald. Seiser is supportive of the fact the approval of the antennas are based upon conditional use approval under the city s ordinance. The committees working on the requests to construct the communication towers have been very conscious of the possibility of the unsightliness of the towers.

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

12. Public Hearing - Conditional Use permit to construct a communication tower at Zenoff Park and lease of City-owned property, was declared open by the Mayor.

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

13. Resolution on the above.

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

Ald. Seiser asked are these antennas or towers being constructed?

Mayor Wescott replied the structure is a tower with an antenna affixed to the top of the tower.

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

14. Public Protection Committee meeting of October 9, 2000.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the Public Protection Committee minutes of October 9, 2000, with Susan J. Hytry s operator/bartender s license pulled for further discussion.

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

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Nealis seconded, to deny the operator/bartender s application for Susan J. Hytry due to the fact Ms. Hytry did not furr the necessary paperwork to the Police Department proving she is in compliance with her license suspension.

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

15. Personnel Committee meeting of October 9, 2000.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Walther seconded, for approval of the Personnel Committee minutes of October 9, 2000.

Ald. Nealis asked if comparisons of salaries for alderpersons were made with other communities?

Mayor Wescott stated, yes. When the comparisons of salaries for alderpersons of the other communities were made, the salaries for alderpersons in Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield are slightly less and the salary for alderpersons in Wausau are slightly more than the proposed salary for the alderpersons in Stevens Point.

Personnel Specialist Jakusz stated the number of alderpersons in other cities are greater than what we have in Stevens Point.

Ald. Rackow noted the salary we are considering are for the people who are elected at future elections.

Mayor Wescott said the actual change in the salary for alderpersons will take place in the spring of 2002. The salary is already set for the term starting in the spring of 2001.

Ald. Pazdernik asked if the recommended salary increases for the Comptroller/Treasurer, City Clerk and City Attorney, which equals the management employee increases, will take effect prior to the regular increase on January 1, 2001?

Mayor Wescott said the Comptroller/Treasurer and City Clerk will not receive a salary adjustment until May.

Ald. Pazdernik asked if the Comptroller/Treasurer s salary will stay exactly the same as it is today until May 1, 2001.

Mayor Wescott said that is correct. The City Clerk s salary will remain the same until May 1, 2001, as well.

Ald. Pazdernik asked on May 1, 2001, the salaries for the Comptroller/Treasurer and City Clerk will increase to the amounts stated in the Personnel Committee minutes of October 9, 2000?

Mayor Wescott said only if the recommended salary increases are approved.

Ald. Nealis suggested increasing the number of alderpersons for the City of Stevens Point.

Mayor Wescott stated one of the major projects the City Clerk s Office will be working on is the reapportioning the wards for the City of Stevens Point. Currently, the number of people that are permitted to be represented per alderperson per ward is prescribed under state law.

Mayor Wescott said the state law states communities of our class can have a maximum of 2100 people per ward. As the population of the City of Stevens Point increases, we know eleven alderpersons will not be enough. All that you are receiving tonight is the salary recommendation from the Mayor. You, as alderpersons, can change the salary recommendation, said the Mayor.

Ald. Nealis said it seems \$200 or \$100 per year is a drop in the bucket. The alderman suggested increasing the salary for alderperson significantly to attract more people to the position or do not raise it at all.

Mayor Wescott reminded the council if you approve the action taken by the Personnel Committee in October, these salaries will return before the City Council in formal ordinance form in November.

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

Nays: Ald. Nealis.

Ayes - 9. Nays - 1. Motion carried.

16. Board of Public Works meeting of October 9, 2000.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Barr seconded, for approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of October 9, 2000.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

17. Ordinance - Traffic Study:

9.02 No Parking here to corner zone on the east and west sides of Pinecrest Avenue from Jefferson Street to a point 95 feet north.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

18. Finance Committee meeting of October 9, 2000.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Pazdernik seconded, for approval of the Finance Committee minutes of October 9, 2000.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

19. Ordinance - increasing the number of pollworkers for the 2000 Presidential/General Election.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Board of Park Commissioners meeting of October 4, 2000.

Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Kedrowski seconded, for approval of the Board of Park Commissioners minutes of October 4, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

21. Resolution relating to sewer lateral adjacent to tree zone.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

22. Telecommunications Commission meeting of September 27, 2000.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Rackow seconded, for approval of the Telecommunications Commission minutes of September 27, 2000.

Roll Call: Ayes all.

Nays none. Motion carried.

23. Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners meeting of October 9, 2000.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Moore seconded, for approval of the Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners minutes of October 9, 2000.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

24. Various Reports

Comptroller-Treasurer s report - August 2000.

Police and Fire Commission meeting of October 10, 2000.

Transportation Commission meeting of September 20, 2000.

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

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

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

Mayor Wescott announced tomorrow at 11:00 A.M., the City will formally dedicate the opening of the new Clark Street bridge.

26. Adjournment - 7:30 P.M.

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