

Meeting Minutes

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers, County-City Building

November 20, 2000, 6:30P.M.

Mayor Gary W. Wescott, presiding

Roll Call: Present: Aldpersons Sevenich, Walther, Pazdernik, Perlak, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Nealis, Phillips, Moore

Also Present: Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, Clerk Zdroik, Directors Gardner, Schrader, Van Alstine; Police Captain Daubert, Assessor Kuehn, Transit Manager Lemke, Adm. Services Manager Halverson, Mike Jacquart (Journal), Scott Krueger (WIZD), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

2. Finance Committee minutes of budget hearing held on October 3, 2000.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Rackow seconded, to affirm the action and approve the minutes of the budget hearing held on October 3, 2000.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. Public hearing on the general local municipal budget for 2001.

Mayor Wescott declared the public hearing open for anyone wanting to comment or offer testimony.

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

4. Resolution adopting the budget for the City of Stevens Point for the year 2001.

Mayor Wescott offered some thoughts and comments on the 2001 budget. The City's tax rate of \$10.83 per \$1,000.00 assessed value remain frozen for a historic fifth year in a row. The 2001 budget supports the City's goal of a safe, affordable, quality community which demonstrates a managed and a financially sound city.

The City's tax levy next year is up by only 2.4%, which is less than the rate of inflation.

One of the City's investments next year will be the renovation of Iverson Park and Bukolt Park bathhouses and extending sanitary sewer to the Bukolt Park lodge and the bathhouse.

Another investment will be the Fire Department's purchase of a thermal imaging camera and new fire fighting turnout gear to better protect those who respond to emergency calls in this community.

The Police Department will upgrade its communications equipment with the purchase of portable and vehicular radios. The tactical areas will also be upgraded to protect the people who live and work in the City of Stevens Point.

The 2001 budget also provides for an additional \$300,000 for the City's ongoing enhancement street repair program.

A request for additional money for the Smart Growth Plan is also in the 2001 budget. The City will be working with its metropolitan neighbors to wisely plan for the future.

Mayor Wescott publicly commended the hard working members of the Common Council, the Finance Committee under the direction of Alderman Jack Barr, the department heads who work very hard in providing services in a professional and caring manner.

The Mayor expressed a special thank you to Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice and his staff who work so hard all year in this process.

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice stated, as in previous years, there have been some changes in the budget before the final adoption. After the changes were made, the bottom line figure remains \$9,742,191.00.

Ald. Barr moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the resolution adopting the budget for the City of Stevens Point for the year 2001.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Resolution appropriating necessary funds for the City of Stevens Point for 2001 and levying the tax rate for the year 2000.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Molski seconded, to adopt the resolution appropriating necessary funds for the City of Stevens Point for 2001 and levying the tax rate for the year 2000.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Resolution providing for writing special assessments into the tax roll for 2000.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for adoption of the resolution providing for writing special assessments into the tax roll for 2000.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment - 6:40 P.M.

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