

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Zoom Teleconferencing

**April 19, 2021
7:00 PM**

Minutes

1. Roll Call.

Mayor Wiza, Presiding

PRESENT Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.

OTHERS PRESENT Clerk Yenter, Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, Chief Finn, Interim Chief Zenner, Dir. Lemke, Dir. Kernosky, Dir. Kremer, Dir. Beduhn, H/R Manager Jakusz, Building Inspector Superintendent Schneider, Brandi Makuski – Metro Wire, Taylor Hale - Portage County Gazette, Alder-Elect Keymer.

2. Salute to the Flag and Mayor's opening remarks.

3. 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.

4. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes regarding a non-agenda item.

Mary Kneebone, 5718 Sandpiper Drive, said as the alder liaison to the Police and Fire Commission, the Fire Department had 2,187 ambulance runs in the City last year and 1,031 fire calls. She said their sanitizing procedures during COVID exceeded CDC recommendations.

Tori Jennings, 1632 Ellis Street, expressed concern with the current process for re-organization and appointing the Mayor as chair for the Board of Public Works and Plan Commission.

Shaun Morrow, 2509 Falcons Cove, thanked Ron Carlson for his service on the Police and Fire Commission.

Meleesa Johnson, 1703 Division Street, spoke in regards to Ron Carlson not being re-appointed to the Police and Fire Commission. She thanked Ald. Nebel for her service on Council.

5. Presentations to the Mayor and Council:

- **Sara Brish, Executive Director of the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitor Bureau - Community Wayfinding.**
- **Kevin McAdam - Village to Village Program.**

Sara Brish, Executive Director of the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitor Bureau, explained the wayfinding signage issues. Her recommendation is to remove all existing signage and to work with a consultant to replace the signs with consistent, easy-to-read community branded signs.

Kevin McAdam, Village to Village Program, said the stay at home villages are virtual villages that are non-profit, voluntary and member driven. He reviewed the village to village program and the benefits of it. Mr. McAdam explained what they have already setup for this program and what is needed yet.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of March 15, 2021.

Minutes and Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of March 9, 2021:

6. Confirmation of Bills.

Minutes and Actions of the Park Commission meeting of April 7, 2021:

3. Approval of SPASH School Band Concert special event in Pfiffner Pioneer Park on May 26, 2021.

5. Presentation of safety protocol for 2021 Riverfront Rendezvous.

6. Presentation on safety protocol for 2021 Donald Copps Municipal Pool.

7. Director's Report.

Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of April 5, 2021:

2. Report of the March 1, 2021 meeting of the City Plan Commission.

7. Request from Ross Rettler, representing Kyle Kluck, for a preliminary extraterritorial subdivision plat review for a new subdivision (Two Sisters) located at an unaddressed parcel (Parcel ID 020240812-10.09) in the Town of Hull.

9. Request from the City of Stevens Point for a fencing waiver to construct fencing along the perimeter of the Stevens Point Municipal Airport, consistent with Ch. 23.01(14)(g).

13. Director's Report.

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of April 12, 2021:

2. Approval of the March 8, 2021 meeting minutes.

3. Approval of Department Claims.

4. Approval to award the 2021 Street Improvements Project #21-01 to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$7,175,149.71.

Minutes and Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of April 12, 2021:

- 2. Approval of the March 8, 2021 meeting minutes.**

Minutes and Actions of the Transportation Commission of April 12, 2021:

- 2. Approval of the March 8, 2021 Transportation Commission Minutes.**
- 3. Approval of the March 2021 financial/claims report.**

Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of April 12, 2021.

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of April 12, 2021.

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of April 12, 2021:

- 2. License List.**
- 3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.**
- 4. Beekeeper Permit.**

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of April 12, 2021:

- 3. Consideration of Adjusting the Fee for Bulk Item Pickup.**
- 5. Approval of Claims Paid.**

Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

Supplemental Poll Worker List.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

7. To award project #2106 to Fischer Bros. LLC in the not-to-exceed amount of \$40,500 for the Donald Copps Municipal Pool Waterslide Rehabilitation.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Leek seconded, to approve the bid.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

8. Resolution - A request from the City of Stevens Point for a conditional use permit to construct a restroom facility at Iverson Park (4201 Main Street, Parcel ID 281240834200601).

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the resolution for a request from the City of Stevens Point for a conditional use permit to construct a restroom facility at Iverson Park at 4201 Main Street.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

9. Resolution - A request from Lineage Logistics, LLC for a conditional use permit to allow for meat packing to occur at Lineage Logistics (Parcel ID 281230801120001).

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the conditional use permit for Lineage Logistics.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

10. Ordinance Amendment - A request from the City of Stevens Point to amend the Official Street Map of the City of Stevens Point to extend E. M. Copps Drive 100 feet to the east.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for a request from the City of Stevens Point to amend the official street map of the City of Stevens Point to extend E.M. Copps Drive 100 feet to the east.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

11. Resolution - A request from Kyle Bretl, representing the McDill Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, for a conditional use permit to dredge the northern portion of McDill Pond.

Ald. Fishler **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the resolution for the request from Kyle Bretl, representing the McDill Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, for a conditional use permit to dredge the northern portion of McDill pond.

Krista Olson, 3317 Della Street, thanked the City of Stevens Point for working with McDill Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. She said with the low water levels in the water way channels, they are looking forward to the dredging.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

12. Resolution - A request from the City of Stevens Point for a conditional use permit to construct access roads and associated parking spaces at the Stevens Point Municipal Airport (Parcel ID 281240823230001 & 281240823230002).

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the resolution for a request from the City of Stevens Point for a conditional use permit to construct access roads and associated parking spaces at the Stevens Point Municipal Airport.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

13. Resolution - A request from D-J Rice Development, LLC to amend the plans for the Planned Development Zoning District relating to the Grant School Redevelopment to allow for single-family or zero-lot line use.

Ald. Zarazua **moved**, Ald. Nebel seconded, to approve the resolution for a request from D-J Rice Development, LLC to amend the plans for the Planned Development Zoning District relating to the Grant School Redevelopment to allow for single-family or zero-lot line use.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

14. Consideration of an Amended Development Agreement with D-J Rice Development, LLC.

Ald. Zarazua **moved**, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the amended development agreement with D-J Rice Development, LLC.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

15. Development Agreement with Secure Fund, LLC for the property at 209 Division Street (also known as Point Motel).

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the development agreement with Secure Fund, LLC.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Leek, Fishler.
Nays: Slowinski, Dalton, Morrow.
Abstain: Kneebone. Motion adopted.

16. Acquisition of 325 Division Street (also known as Maytag Laundromat).

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Leek seconded, to approve the acquisition of 325 Division Street.

Becky Kressin, 900 Union Street, said she is concerned with the cost for the City to purchase and raze the building to put in a walking path. She questioned if the space will be just a walking path or a continuation of Sixth Avenue with sidewalks.

Stephen Klein, 301 Union Street, said this is a large amount of money for the City to be spending that has no benefit to the taxpayers. He said if the University has use for it, then they should purchase it.

Pam Lloyd, 509 West Harding Avenue, said she is tired of the reckless spending by the City for things that are not necessary.

Fred Kalkoven, said he is concerned with removing parking at the university and having another oncoming lane to Division Street. He said it seems like the City is spending a lot of money on things we do not need.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Johnson, Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: Slowinski.
Abstain: Kneebone. Motion adopted.

17. 2021 - 2023 tentative agreement with Central Transportation Employees Local 309, AFSCME AFL-CIO.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Leek seconded, to approve the 2021-2023 tentative agreement with Central Transportation Employees Local 309, AFSCME AFL-CIO.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

18. To award the 2021 Streets Improvements Project #21-01 to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$7,175,149.71.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the 2021 streets improvements bid for project #21-01 to Gerke Excavating, Inc in the amount not to exceed \$7,175,149.71.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

19. To award the 2021 Road Resurfacing Project #21-02 to Merrill Gravel & Construction Company in the amount not to exceed \$1,495,288.89.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the 2021 road resurfacing project #21-02 bid to Merrill Gravel and Construction Company in the amount not to exceed \$1,495,288.89.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

20. Ordinance Amendment - To approve the Ordinance Amendments in Section 9.05 as it relates to parking.

Ald. Zarazua **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment relating to chapter 9.05.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

21. Ordinance Amendment - Section 9.05 as it relates to overnight parking.

Ald. Zarazua **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the overnight parking ordinance changes as presented.

Nancy Roppe, 925 Smith Street, spoke against overnight parking. She provided examples of why this is a bad idea and why it did not work in other communities.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dalton.
Nays: Jennings, Nebel, Leek, Fishler, Morrow. Motion adopted.

22. Ordinance Creation - Chapter 9, Section 9.19 as it relates to ATV/UTV routes.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the creation of the chapter 9 section 9.19 ordinance as it relates to ATV/UTV routes.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Leek seconded, to amend the ordinance to require a valid driver's license for operations of a ATV/UTV on the city streets that are allowed.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: None.
 Nays: All. Motion failed.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to amend the ordinance proposal to require insurance for operation of an ATV/UTV within the city limits.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Leek, Slowinski, Johnson.
Nays: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Kneebone, Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr,
Jennings. Motion failed.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Dalton, Fishler.
Nays: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Kneebone, Leek, Morrow. Motion failed.

23. Ordinance Amendment - Provisions of State Traffic and Conservation Law Adopted by Reference - 9.01 regarding adopting State Statute for UTV and ATV regulations.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for the provisions of state traffic and conservation law adopted by reference in 9.01 regarding adopting State Statute for UTV and ATV regulations.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

24. Resolution - No Mow May.

Ald. Zarazua **moved**, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the resolution for no mow May.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler.
Nays: Morrow. Motion adopted.

25. Ordinance Amendment: Chapter 30 Building Code rewrite.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment regarding the chapter 30 building code rewrite.

Stephen Klein, 301 Union Street, said the ordinance amendment gives a lot of power to the inspectors and is border line infringing on fourth amendment rights. He said the language is open ended and too broad with saying that any improvements or repairs would need a permit and an inspector could require one at any given time. Mr. Klein said permits should not be needed to do maintenance on your house.

Oren Jacobsen, 1579 Church Street, said the section for repair of existing residential structures is outside the purview of state building codes. He said the state uniform dwelling code exempts repairs of residential single and two family dwellings. The uniform dwelling code assumes you are doing a new construction, an alteration or addition because you have the ability to come up to a new standard as you get into the project.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to amend section 30.04(4)(a) of the ordinance to strike the words on zoning lots that are 20,000 sq. ft. or larger.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.

Nays: Dalton. Motion adopted.

26. Resolution Supporting Increased Funding for the State Shared Revenue Program.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the resolution supporting increased funding for the state shared revenue program.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

27. Departing remarks by Alderperson Cindy Nebel.

Mayor Wiza thanked Ald. Nebel for her service as alderperson.

Ald. Nebel said she has gratitude for the experience as an alderperson and hope in the future.

28. Enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85 (1) (g) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, AND for Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, relating to the following:

a. Discussion on a possible incentive for a development at 5700 EM Copps Drive.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Leek seconded, to enter into closed session.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
 Kneebone, Leek, Fishler, Morrow.
 Nays: Dalton. Motion adopted.

29. Adjournment.

Adjourned in closed session at 10:49 p.m.