

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

**Community Room
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI**

**June 21, 2021
7:00 PM**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

Minutes

1. Roll Call.

Mayor Wiza, Presiding

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

EXCUSED Ald. Leek.

OTHERS

PRESENT Clerk Yenter, Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, Chief Finn, Assistant Chief Kussow, Dir. Kernosky, Dir. Kremer, Dir. Beduhn, H/R Manager Jakusz, Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator Kuhn, Assistant to the Mayor Frasch, Brandi Makuski – Metro Wire, Alan Hovorka - Stevens Point Journal, Taylor Hale - Portage County Gazette.

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.

Ald. Johnson said she spoke with the Stevens Point School District and there will soon be access on East Street near Jefferson School.

5. Presentation to the Council and Mayor: Jenna Flynn and Elizabeth Beck - Central Wisconsin Tobacco-Free Coalition, presentation on vaping products and e-liquids.

Jenna Flynn, Nicotine Prevention Alliance of Central Wisconsin, said they support prevention efforts in Wood, Portage, and Marathon counties. She said the tobacco products today are made to be "cool" looking, smell good and are easily accessible. A lot of tobacco products are designed to mimic other youth items, which increases their appeal and easier to camouflage. Ms. Flynn explained what

is found in e-cigarettes and why they are harmful to use.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of May 17, 2021.

Minutes and Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of May 4, 2021:

5. Confirmation of Bills.

Minutes and Actions of the Park Commission meeting of June 2, 2021:

- 2. Approval of May 5, 2021 meeting minutes.**
- 3. Approval of Swamp Monster Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt in Iverson Park on August 31, 2021 submitted by Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America.**
- 4. Endorsing a grant application to upgrade Riverfront Trail lighting to historic light design matching downtown and Clark Street bridge lighting.**
- 5. Approval of concrete bench installs in Bukolt Park by the Prime Water Anglers adjacent fishing pier sidewalk.**
- 6. Approval of rental and concession contract with Northward Peddle and Paddle for the Parker Building in Goerke Park for winter sports season.**
- 7. Discussion and review Kozickowski sand area and Bukolt Park beach concept designs created by the steering committee.**
- 8. Director's Report 2021: Riverfront Rendezvous, Soil testing adjacent Cultural Commons.**

Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of June 7, 2021:

- 2. Report of the May 3, 2021 meeting of the City Plan Commission.**
- 6. Request from the City of Stevens Point to grant an Electrical Overhead and Underground Easement to the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation at 2442 Sims Avenue (Parcel ID 281240833200107).**
- 8. Presentation from Mia LaFond, student within the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture, on her capstone project.**
- 9. Director's Report.**

Minutes and Actions of the Transportation Commission of June 14, 2021:

- 2. Approval of the May 10, 2021 Transportation Commission minutes.**
- 3. Approval of the May 2021 financial/claims report.**

Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of June 14, 2021:

- 2. Request Employment Overlap -Streets Division.**

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of June 14, 2021:

- 2. To accept the sidewalk list for the 2022 Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Project.**

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of June 14, 2021:

3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of June 14, 2021:

- 1. Designation of the official newspaper.**
- 2. Issuing a request for proposals (RFP) for consulting services related to updated community signage.**
- 3. Accepting the proposal from Ehlers to complete a project plan amendment for Tax Increment District (TID) #5 to allow for excess increment sharing from TID 5 to TIDs 10, 11, 12, and 13.**
- 4. Approval of claims paid.**

Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

Mayoral Appointments:

- **Board of Public Works:** Fred Hopfensperger (filling the unexpired term of Corey Ladick), term expiring April 30, 2022.
- **Affirmative Action Fair Housing:** Karalyn Peterson (filling the unexpired term of Earl Bork), non expiring term.
- **Housing Authority:** Eric Riskus (filling the unexpired term of Larry Schroda), term expiring December 31, 2024.

Ald. Zarazua **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Michael O'Meara, 1809 Clark Street, spoke against Plan Commission's recommendation for the zoning ordinance amendment. He feels that section 14(g) would be very hard to enforce and would lead to a mess for the future Council members to clean up.

Dave Medin, 2101 West River Drive, had questions regarding the approval of minutes and recommendations in the consent agenda section.

Ald. Jennings requested to pull the mayoral appointments for the Board of Public Works and Housing Authority for further discussion.

There were no objections to amending the motion.

Ald. Zarazua **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the consent agenda with the mayoral appointments to the Board of Public Works and Housing Authority pulled for further discussion.

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

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the mayoral appointments.

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

7. Resolution - Request from Melissa Wysocki, representing the Stevens Point Brewery, for a conditional use permit to construct an outdoor beer sampling area at 2617 Water Street (Parcel ID 281230805101813), consistent with Ch. 23.02(2)(d)(3)(I).

Ald. Dalton **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the resolution from Melissa Wysocki, representing the Stevens Point Brewery, for a conditional use permit to construct an outdoor beer sampling area at 2617 Water Street consistent with Chapter 23.02(2)(d)(3)(I)

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

8. Resolution - Request from Jim Anderson for a final subdivision plat review for a proposed 39-lot subdivision located at 5498 Golla Road (Parcel ID 020240826-13.05 & 020240826-14.03) in the Town of Hull.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the resolution request from Jim Anderson for a final subdivision plat review for a proposed 39-lot subdivision located at 5498 Golla Road.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Avenue, believes that moving forward with the subdivision is not a good idea. He urged the City of Stevens Point to collaborate with the Town of Hull on how the land will be developed. He spoke on the longevity of city streets and how often they should be replaced based off of his research.

Keith Pilger, 733 Ridge Road, explained why the concerns regarding the easements are non-concerns. He said the easements have been in place for several decades and the easement holders have the rights to maintain those ditches. Mr. Pilger said that approval of the plat does not change any of the easements.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Slowinski, Zarazua, Shorr.
Nays: Dalton, Kneebone, Johnson, Keymer, Jennings. Motion tied.

Mayor Wiza stated that in the event of a tie he can vote. He voted aye, the motion was approved.

9. Ordinance Amendment - Request from the City of Stevens Point to amend Chapter 23, Zoning Ordinance of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point. Said request adds Section 23.01(14) relating to the allowance of accessory dwelling and commercial units in the City of Stevens Point.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the zoning change as presented.

Michelle Peria, 2717 Atwell Street, said she did not know about this change until she read a neighbor's yard sign. She said her concerns are regarding the 20 foot allowable construction height and accessory dwelling units being part of Airbnb or VRBO rentals. She questioned where the ordinance amendment is stemming from and why.

Bob Woehr, 727 Second Street, said because of the permitted use ACUs and ADUs would be down zoning all residential zoned properties. He said when you reduce the permeable ground surface, you are creating storm runoff.

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

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

11. Discussion and possible action on the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application for the Grove Apartment Project at 1300 Maria Drive (Convent).

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application for the Grove Apartments at 1300 Maria Drive.

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

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

12. Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 9.05 as it relates to parking.

Ald. Dalton **moved**, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for Chapter 9.05 as it relates to parking.

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

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

13. Approve and place on file the 2020 CMAR for the Wastewater Department.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the 2020 CMAR for the Wastewater Department and place on file.

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

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

14. Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 13.23(2), Cross connections prohibited.

Ald. Zarazua **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for Chapter 13.23(2) cross connections prohibited.

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

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

15. Creation of a Housing Taskforce.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the creation of a housing taskforce.

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

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

16. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 9:22 p.m.