

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

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

**August 16, 2021
7:00 PM**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

Minutes

1. Roll Call.

Mayor Wiza, Presiding

PRESENT Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Keymer, Zarazua, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, 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, Assistant to the Mayor Frasch, 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.

David Eiden, 1008 Matilda Street, said the bandshell is in need of painting and repairs. He also voiced his concerns on the rust under the railroad bridge on Church Street.

5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council: Ariel Welling - United Way Co-Chair, presentation on the 2021 United Way Campaign.

Ariel Welling, Co-Chair 2021 United Way Campaign, said Portage County United Way is one of the best United Way campaigns. She said their focus is on education, financial stability, and health. She explained the organizations that United Way helps fund, what United Way does and why it is important.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of July 19, 2021.

Actions of the Park Commission meeting of August 4, 2021:

2. Approval of July 7, 2021 meeting minutes.
3. Presentation on partnership history between the Stevens Point Softball Association and the Stevens Point Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department by Mike Disher.
4. Approval of Central Wisconsin Children's Museum Duck Race and Wonderful Water Bash at Iverson Park on August 28, 2021 requested by Cory Rusch.
5. Approval of Special Olympics Doubles Disc Golf Tournament at Yulga Disc Golf Course on October 9, 2021 requested by Kaleb Cuda.
6. 2022 Capital Improvement budget discussion.
7. Director's Report.

Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of August 2, 2021:

2. Report of the July 6, 2021 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
4. A request from Mark Johnson, representing Shree Laxmi Narayan Inc., for a Site Plan Review to construct a drive-in restaurant at an unaddressed parcel off of Frontage Road (Parcel ID 281240829140013).

Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of August 9, 2021:

2. Approval of the July 12, 2021 meeting minutes.
3. Approval of the 2020 Audit presented by Baker Tilly.
4. Approval to file with the PSC for a simplified rate case to adjust water rates.
6. Approval of Department Claims.
9. Approval to replace building heat boilers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of August 9, 2021:

2. Approval of July 12, 2021 meeting minutes of the Airport Commission.
3. Approval of the 2020 Audit Presented by Baker Tilly.
4. Approval of Department Claims.

Actions of the Transportation Commission of August 9, 2021:

2. Approval of June 10, 2021 minutes.
3. Approval of the June-July financial/claims report.
4. Approval to move forward with a federal 5310 grant application for Mobility Management and the Volunteer Driver program.
5. Approval of the 2021 Mobility Management and Volunteer Driver operating budgets as a part of the 5310 grant application.
6. Approval of the purchase of a network camera system under the facility budget.

Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of August 9, 2021:

2. Requests for known 2022 out of state travel.
4. Reclassification of: Operations Supervisor, Assessment Technician, and stipend for additional certification - Inspection.
5. Reorganization at Central Transportation.

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of August 9, 2021.

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of August 9, 2021:

2. License List.
3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of August 9, 2021:

6. Awarding the bid for demolition of 325 Division St. to Kyle Kluck Trucking and Excavating.
8. Approval of claims paid.

Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

Mayoral Appointments:

- Portage County Water Quality Management Plan Advisory Committee: Principal Representative Mike Wiza and Alternate Joel Lemke, terms expiring July 31, 2026.**
- Redistricting Committee: See attached.**
- Housing Taskforce: See attached.**

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the mayoral appointments to the Portage County Water Quality Management Plan Advisory Committee.

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

Ald. Keymer **moved**, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the mayoral appointments to the Portage County Water Quality Management Plan Advisory Committee.

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

7. Resolution - A request from Cassie Berding, representing Northwest Journey, for a sign variance to install a freestanding sign on the property at 2442 Sims Avenue (Parcel ID 281240833200107).

Ald. Dalton **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the sign variance for 2442 Sims Avenue.

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

8. To award the 2021 Fall Paving Project to American Asphalt of Wisconsin in the amount not to exceed \$236,769.36.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Leek seconded, to approve the 2021 Fall Paving Project to American Asphalt of Wisconsin in the amount not to exceed \$236,769.36.

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

9. Ordinance Amendment - To accept the Ordinance Amendments in Section 9.02 as it relates to speed limits.

Ald. Dalton **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment to section 9.02 as it relates to speed limits.

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

10. Resolution - updated public participation plan for Community Development Block Grant funding.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the resolution to update the participation plan for Community Development Block Grant funding.

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

11. Consideration and possible action on Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Project Plan of Tax Incremental District No. 5, City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the resolution approving an amendment to the project plan of Tax Incremental District number 5, City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

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

12. Consideration and possible action on modifying the method of funding sidewalk repairs and sidewalk continuation projects.

Michael O'Meara, 1809 Clark Street, said it is good public policy to have sidewalks be part of the tax roll because of the state or federal projects where businesses and homeowners do not have to pay. Sidewalk improvements are needed mostly in the older higher traffic areas of the city. He said people typically in these areas cannot afford a sidewalk assessment.

Ald. Zarazua **moved**, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the method of funding sidewalk repairs and sidewalk continuation projects.

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

13. Consideration and possible action on the proposal from Forward Appraisal for completing a citywide revaluation of assessed property values.

Ald. Keymer **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the action on the proposal from Forward Appraisal for completing a citywide revaluation of assessed property values.

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

14. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 7:53 p.m.