

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

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

**September 20, 2021
7:00 PM**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

1. Roll Call.

Present: Ald. Shorr, Keymer, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow

Others

Present: Clerk Yenter, Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, Chief Finn, Chief Zenner, Director Lemke, Director Kernosky, Director Kremer, Director Beduhn, Associate Planner Kuhn, H/R Manager Jakusz, Assistant to the Mayor Frasch, Marc Christianson, Stephen Klein, Brandi Makuski - Point/Plover Metro Wire, Taylor Hale - Portage County Gazette

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

Mayor Wiza announced Sharon Patoka's retirement. Ms. Patoka was with the assessor's office for almost 23 years.

Mayor Wiza is pleased to see the amount of public participation this evening. We have done our best throughout my administration to make people aware of what is going on. He said we have been trying to make a difference.

Mayor Wiza also talked about the opportunity for training for the elected officials.

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.

The full list of persons who signed up to address the Mayor and Council on a specific agenda item other than a public hearing is available in the City Clerk's office.

On zoom:

Bob Woehr, 727 Second Street, items 6 and 13.

Lawrence Leviton, item 6.

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

Tori Jennings, 719 Greenbriar Avenue, said she resigned from City Council last month. This

decision was hard to make and not one that she took lightly. She said serving on City Council has been an honor and a privilege. Ms. Jennings noted that the things she will remember most about serving the first district is meeting neighbors who shared stories about growing up in Stevens Point and entrepreneurs who shared their dream about a new business and their future vision for Stevens Point.

Mayor Wiza stated former Ald. Jennings served a significant period of time on behalf of the constituents in her district. Earlier this evening, the Mayor presented her with a plaque.

Shelly Bunk, 1430 Torun Road, said she is a seven-year legal resident who owns her own trailer living in the Four Seasons trailer court on Torun Road. There are 25 other legal residents of the trailer court of which all have resided there for a period of four to twenty years. She noted that three quarters of the residents are elderly or disabled living on fixed incomes. Since Christopher Reeves took over the trailer court, it has been a nightmare. He completely abandoned the residents in 2018. The residents have had to deal with all the issues happening as there is entirely no communication from Mr. Reeves.

Keith Kedrowski, 1536 Water Street, stated the bike lanes in this City are destroying our roads.

5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council: Jon Miskowski, Executive Director of Wisconsin Public Television, Hometown Stories - Stevens Point.

Jon Miskowski, Executive Director of Wisconsin Public Television, said the conversation started about two years ago with the intent of doing a documentary history of Stevens Point. Mr. Miskowski gave a short preview of the documentary and shared photos. The first premiere of the documentary history will take place on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Pfiffner Pioneer Park. This will air on Wisconsin Public Television at 8:00 p.m. on October 25, 2021.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council meeting of August 16, 2021 and Special Common Council meetings of August 26, 2021 and September 13, 2021.

Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of September 14, 2021:

7. Confirmation of bills.

Actions of the Park Commission meeting of September 1, 2021:

2. Approval of August 4, 2021 meeting minutes.

3. Presentation and update on Emerson Park Project by the Friends of Emerson Park.

4. Director's Report.

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

2. Selection of a temporary chair for the September 7, 2021 meeting of the City Plan Commission.

3. Report of the August 2, 2021 meeting of the City Plan Commission.

6. A request from Matt Disher for an exception to driveway requirements at 517 Indiana Avenue (Parcel ID 281240828401604).

7. A request from the City of Stevens Point for a Site Plan Review to install a gazebo at 2340 Church Street (Parcel ID 281240832403402).

10. July and August, 2021 Monthly Reports.

11. Director's Report.

Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of September 13, 2021:

- 2. Approval of minutes of the August 9, 2021 meeting.**
- 3. Approval of Department Claims.**
- 4. Wellhead protection ordinance amendments.**
- 5. Utility rate adjustments.**

Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of September 13, 2021:

- 2. Approval of minutes of the August 9, 2021 meeting.**
- 3. Approval of Department Claims.**

Actions of the Transportation Commission of September 13, 2021:

- 2. Approval of August 9, 2021 minutes.**
- 3. Approval of the August 2021 financial/claims report.**
- 4. "Free Ride Fridays" on city fixed route buses between Thanksgiving and Christmas.**

Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of September 13, 2021:

- 2. Amendment to Administrative Policy 2.12 H. - Exit Interview.**

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of September 13, 2021:

- 5. To accept the design proposal from Strand Associates for the 2022 Street Improvement Project.**

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of September 13, 2021:

- 2. License List.**

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of September 13, 2021:

- 4. Awarding a Raze Order Bid to Kyle Kluck Trucking and Excavating for the properties at 1430 Torun Road, #200, #202, #205, #206, #214, #218, #222, #225, #227, #231, #234, #302.**
- 5. Authorizing the Parks Department to apply for an Urban Forestry Grant.**
- 7. Adjusting the self-insured retention (deductible) on the City's liability insurance policy for 2022.**
- 8. Implementing the change in method of funding sidewalk repairs and sidewalk continuation projects.**
- 9. Approval of claims paid.**

Minutes and Actions of the Deer Management Committee of September 1, 2021:

- 2. Approval of February 24, 2021 meeting minutes.**
- 3. Update on implementation of the integrated geese management plan for 2021.**
- 4. Review of 2021 deer culling operations.**
- 5. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.**

Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

Mayoral Appointments:

Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners - Re-appoint Mae Nachman expiring September 30, 2026.

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the consent agenda with item #6 of the Plan Commission pulled for further discussion.

Bob Woehr pointed out that the Board of Water and Sewerage Commission, Airport Commission and Transportation Commission do not publish their packets for these meetings.

Craig Tesch mentioned the issue with one of his trees and the importance that the public be aware of the services provided by the City's Forestry Department. He asked for clarification on the charges going forward for sidewalk repairs and replacements. Mr. Tesch voiced his concerns on the people that just paid for sidewalks in the past couple of years that would now have to pay for everyone else if this is approved.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ald. Leek moved, Ald. Johnson seconded, to grant the exception to Mr. Disher at 517 Indiana Avenue.

Matt Disher is asking to expand his driveway beyond what is allowed. He said he would be allowed to pour concrete along the side of his garage but he would rather expand the driveway.

Director Kernosky gave a summary of the details of the Plan Commission meeting.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Leek, Slowinski.

Nays: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Kneebone, Johnson, Zarazua, Keymer, Shorr.
Motion failed.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Johnson seconded, to uphold the action of the Plan Commission meeting regarding the driveway at 517 Indiana Avenue.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Shorr, Keymer, Zarazua, Johnson, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.

Nays: Slowinski. Motion carried.

7. Resolution - A request from Heidi Oberstadt for a conditional use permit to construct a detached garage at 524 Bukolt Avenue (Parcel ID 281240830402607) using setback requirements of the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District, consistent with Ch. 23.02(1)(h)(3).

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the resolution for a conditional use permit to construct a detached garage at 524 Bukolt Avenue.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Resolution - A request from Ronald Walters for a conditional use permit to operate a day care facility at 4701 Industrial Park Road (Parcel ID 281230803110005), consistent with Ch. 23.02(3)(a)(3)(k).

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the conditional use permit to operate a day care facility at 4701 Industrial Park Road.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Temporary Extension of Premise: Partner's Pub and Grill, 2600 Stanley Street, Stevens Point request extension of licensed premise for the Homecoming celebration on Saturday, October 9, 2021 to include the fenced area as outlined in the map.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the temporary extension of premise for Partner's Pub and Grill for the homecoming celebration on Saturday, October 9, 2021 to include the fenced area.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 24.27 Schedule of Cash Deposits for Parking Violations.

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the ordinance amending Chapter 24.27 Schedule of Cash Deposits for parking violations.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. To award the Contract for the Fox Theater Parking Lot Project to Wildcard Worx for an amount not to exceed \$52,868.95.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve item 11 for the Fox Theater parking lot.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. To accept the Ordinance Amendment in Section 9.05 as it relates to parking.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to accept item 12, the ordinance amendment relating to 9.05 as it relates to parking.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. To accept the Ordinance Amendment in Section 9.19 as it relates to ATV/UTV Routes.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve item 13 as it relates to the Ordinance amendment to 9.19 ATV/UTV routes.

Bob Woehr referenced the usage of golf carts which is located in Chapter 16.11 of the City ordinances.

Nelson Gray spoke against the proposed ATV/UTV route. He said the residential situation needs to be considered. Mr. Gray looked at the ordinances of the surrounding areas who have ATV/UTV routes and they are very different than Stevens Point.

Krissy Pliska supports the proposed ATV/UTV route. She has been riding with her family and takes safety very seriously. It is a family event that they can do outdoors.

Tom Brown said this is a city not a country town. ATVs have no purpose as vehicles to use on our city streets and West River Drive is a city street. He noted like most other city streets, West River Drive has many homes lining both sides.

Sally Topinka said she canvassed the neighborhood and talked to about 17 households. There was only one person enthusiastic about this and another that would not oppose it if they follow all the laws. She said the primary reason people were against it is safety.

Sandy Medin asked the Council think about the safety of the residents on West River Drive.

Dave Medin said this stretch of West River Drive gets a good share of traffic. He said it is not a good idea to make this the shortcut from the bars in the Town of Linwood to the bars in the Town of Carson. Mr. Medin said the neighbors that he talked to have safety concerns with this proposal.

Jan Nelson said he has traveled many different areas. This is a great family sport. Mr. Nelson reviewed some facts with ATV/UTV usage.

Eric Olson stated that since the HH bridge was constructed, it created an alternative route for people to travel. Vehicles traveling this route do not always obey the speed limits.

Gayle Fox said she is against the project because it would be detrimental to the neighborhood.

Matthew Piekarski spoke against allowing ATVs and UTVs on West River Drive from a peace and quiet standpoint. He said there are cars already racing down this road.

Chris Wierzba feels ATVs and UTVs are unsafe.

Jennifer Barten said she is a 20 year member of the Arnott Area Star Riders ATV/UTV club and certified ATV/UTV instructor. Ms. Barten reviewed some of the actual facts and requirements when operating ATVs and UTVs.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Fishler, Slowinski, Zarazua, Shorr.

Nays: Morrow, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Johnson, Keymer. Motion failed.

14. To accept the recommended alternative for the Business 51 Project as presented by AECOM so they may proceed to the 30 percent design phase.

There was an extensive list of speakers for this agenda item. Most of the speakers spoke against the recommended alternative for the Business 51 project. The video of this meeting is available at stevenspoint.com.

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Leek seconded, to approve going forward with up to the 30 percent design.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Shorr, Keymer, Zarazua, Johnson, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.

Nays: Slowinski. Motion carried.

The Mayor recessed the meeting for a 10-minute break.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 11:12 p.m.

15. Update on the 2022 Capital Budget.

Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick gave a brief overview of the 2022 Capital Budget.

16. An Initial Resolution Authorizing the Sale and Issuance of Storm Water System Revenue Bonds; and Certain Related Details.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the Initial Resolution authorizing the sale and issuance of Storm Water System Revenue Bonds and certain related details.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

17. An Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$3,660,000 General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvements and Street Lighting

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$3,660,000 General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvements and Street Lighting.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

18. An Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$65,000 General Obligation Bonds for Parking Lots.

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$65,000 General Obligation Bonds for Parking Lots.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

19. An Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$100,000 General Obligation Bonds for Fire Engines and Other Equipment of the Fire Department.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$100,000 General Obligation Bonds for Fire Engines and Other

Equipment of the Fire Department.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. An Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$105,000 General Obligation Bonds for Facilities for Fire Protection Apparatus or Equipment for Fire Protection.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$105,000 General Obligation Bonds for Facilities for Fire Protection Apparatus or Equipment for Fire Protection.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

21. An Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$225,000 General Obligation Bonds for Refuse Disposal.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$225,000 General Obligation Bonds for Refuse Disposal.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

22. An Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$460,000 General Obligation Bonds for Parks and Public Grounds.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$460,000 General Obligation Bonds for Parks and Public Grounds.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

23. An Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$3,525,000 General Obligation Bonds for Providing Financial Assistance to Blight Elimination, Slum Clearance, Community Development, Redevelopment and Urban Renewal Programs and Projects.

Ald. Zarazua moved, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$3,525,000 General Obligation Bonds for Providing Financial Assistance to Blight Elimination, Slum Clearance, Community Development, Redevelopment and Urban Renewal Programs and Projects.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Shorr, Keymer, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton,

Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

24. An Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,090,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,090,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

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

25. A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Publication of Notice of the Adoption of Initial Resolutions.

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Publication of Notice of the Adoption of Initial Resolutions.

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

26. A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$9,230,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds; Providing for the Notification and Sale of Said Bonds; and Other Related Details.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$9,230,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds; Providing for the Notification and Sale of Said Bonds; and Other Related Details.

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

27. Presentation and interview of First District Alderperson candidates and subsequent appointment.

Stephen Klein gave a brief overview of his connection to Stevens Point.

Marc Christianson gave a summary of his background and experience.

Each Alderperson and the Mayor asked the candidates a question and each candidate answered alternating who answered first.

Clerk Yenter and Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick distributed paper ballots to the Alderpersons. The votes were verified by the Comptroller/Treasurer and Clerk.

The results were:

Christianson, Marc - eight votes.
Klein, Stephen - two votes.

Marc Christianson was sworn in as the First District Alderperson.

28. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 a.m.