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

**November 15, 2021**
**7:00 PM**

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

**OR**

**Zoom Teleconferencing**

**Minutes**

**1. Roll Call.**

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

**Others Present:** Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, Director Kernosky, Director Kremer, Director Lemke, Chief Finn, Chief Zenner, H/R Manager Jakusz, Mayoral Assistant Frasch.

**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.**

Meleesa Johnson, 1703 Division Street, spoke on her positive experience with the community of Stevens Point while recovering from surgery.

Janet Jurgella Finn stated that the repairs/upgrades on Business 51 are necessary and feels as though the process by which the council has arrived at the current plan has been thorough.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Avenue, supports the Business 51 project as he feels it improves the safety of the street. He also spoke about the savings of tax dollars with the current plan.

Bob Gifford, 517 Fieldcrest Avenue, spoke about the need for emergency planning in regards to the present and future scarcity of fossil fuels.

Mary McComb, 2100 Elk Street, said the Business 51 project will make the road more pleasant to drive on and friendlier for pedestrians. She also commended the council on their decision.

Kevin Flatoff, 2151 Ellis Street, spoke against the Business 51 project, citing it as an irreversable decision that should be up to the entirety of Stevens Point to vote on. He asked that the council let the decision go to referendum.

Larry Frostman, 1257 College Avenue, voiced his concerns.

Keith Kedrowski, 1536 Water Street, spoke against the Business 51 project.

Brock Maddox, 5421 Monroe Avenue, is not favor of the Business 51 project and supports a referendum.

Jack Leichtfuss, 3132 Church Street, spoke about the impact of the Business 51 project on his business.

Fred Kalkofen, 910 Ridge Road, expressed concerns about the Business 51 project, citing past projects that he said haven't been successful.

Robert Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, disapproved of the Business 51 project and is in favor of a binding referendum.

Kevin Ruder, 3364 April Lane, highlighted the potential negative effect the Business 51 project would have on traffic flow.

Ronald Carlson, 3356 Oak Avenue, voiced his concerns on the Business 51 project referencing Plover and Whiting's recent roadway updates. He supports a referendum.

Joe Fonti, 9407 Cedar Park Street, expressed objections to Business 51 project and is in favor of a referendum.

Ann Walkush, 9321 Buena Vista Road, disapproved of the Business 51 project and highlighted the potential negative effect it would have on traffic flow. She is in favor of a referendum.

Robin Falk, opposes the Business 51 project and is in favor of a referendum.

Corey Kealiher, 1111 Minnesota Avenue, spoke about the rules of decorum for public meetings that was introduced at a previous meeting.

Christopher Wood, 500 E Thomas Street, expressed his disagreement on the Business 51 project.

Becky Kressin, spoke about the construction happening on First Street. She also expressed objections to the Business 51 project, highlighting the driveways that will be affected.

**Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:**

**5. Consent Agenda:**

**Minutes of the Common Council meeting of October 18, 2021, and Special Common Council meetings of October 25, 2021 and November 10, 2021.**

**Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of November 2, 2021:**
**4. Confirmation of bills.**
**5. Discussion, with possible action, authorization to hire a police officer.**

**Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of November 1, 2021:**
**2. Selection of a temporary chairperson for the November 1, 2021 meeting of the City Plan Commission.**
**3. Report of the October 4, 2021 meeting of the City Plan Commission.**
**7. A request from Ryan Wanta, representing Great Northern Distilling, for a Site Plan**

**Review to construct a principal structure at 1009 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832200405) and an unaddressed parcel bounded by Second Street, Third Street and Portage Street (Parcel ID 281240832200422), consistent with Ch. 23.02(4)(b)(1)(2).**
**9. Discussion Only: Accessory Dwelling Unit and Accessory Commercial Unit Ordinance.**
**10. Director's Report.**

**Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of November 8, 2021:**
**2. Approval of minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting.**
**3. Approval of Department Claims.**
**8. Agreements with MC&E for professional services.**

**Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of November 8, 2021:**
**2. Approval of minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting.**
**3. Approval of Department Claims.**

**Actions of the Transportation Commission of November 8, 2021:**
**2. Approval of September 13, 2021 minutes.**
**3. Approval of the September and October 2021 financial/claims report.**
**4. Approval to move forward with the 2022 5311-PTAP Application.**
**5. Approval of the County/City transportation agreement – 5-year term.**
**6. Approval of the purchase of Passio Go add-on.**
**7. Approval to move forward with LNT (Late Night Transit) service changes.**

**Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of November 8, 2021:**
**2. Amendment to Administrative Policy 3.02 Leave Policies (Funeral Leave).**
**4. Request for Reorganization of Streets Division.**
**5. Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to consider a request for leave of absence without pay.**
**6. Reconvene into open session (approximately 5 minutes after adjourning into closed session) for action on the request for leave of absence without pay.**

**Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of November 8, 2021:**
**2. License List.**
**3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.**
**5. Consideration of the Common Council Code of Conduct.**

**Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of November 8, 2021:**
**4. Awarding a bid to AVIA Design for the Wayfinding Signage Design Program.**
**5. Authorization to Apply for ARPA Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant Program.**
**6. Approval of Claims Paid.**

**Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.**

**Mayoral Appointments:**
**Zoning Board of Appeals Appoint Lynn Markham term expiring April 30, 2024.**

Becky Kressin, spoke in favor of adopting a code of conduct for the council.

Jay Wolf, 1600 Michigan Ave, supports the secondary dwelling units and expressed his desire that the requirements be easily met.

Ald. Morrow asked to pull item #5 of the Public Policy and General Government meeting.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the consent agenda with item #5 of the Public Policy and General Government pulled for further discussion.

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

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the revised Code of Conduct as presented.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Slowinksi seconded, to amend the Code of Conduct document to strike "council members will abstain from engaging with city employees".

Ayes majority, nays minority. Motion carried.

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

**6. A request from Oren Jakobson, representing Upstream Cider LLC, for a conditional use permit to operate a small-scale alcohol production facility at 2041 Madison Street (Parcel ID 281240832403709), consistent with Ch. 23.02(2)(b)(3)(m).**

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the request from Oren Jakobson, representing Upstream Cider LLC, for a conditional use permit to operate a small-scale alcohol production facility at 2041 Madison Street, consistent with Ch. 23.02(2)(b)(3)(m).

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

**7. A request from Ryan Wanta, representing Great Northern Distilling, to rezone the properties at 1009 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832200405), an unaddressed parcel bounded by Second Street, Third Street and Portage Street (Parcel ID 281240832200422) and an unaddressed parcel bounded by Second Street and Third Street (Parcel ID 281240832200423) from "B-2" Central Business Transition to "PD" Planned Development.**

Ald. Dalton moved, Adl. Shorr seconded, to approve the request to rezone the properties at 1009 Second Street, an unaddressed parcel bounded by Second Street, Third Street and Portage Street and an unaddressed parcel bounded by Second Street and Third Street from "B-2" Central Business Transition to "PD" Planned Development.

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

**8. A request from Ryan Wanta, representing Great Northern Distilling, for a conditional use permit to operate a small-scale alcohol production facility at 1009 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832200405) and an unaddressed parcel bounded by Second Street, Third Street and Portage Street (Parcel ID 281240832200422), consistent with Ch. 23.02(2)(b)(3)(m).**

Ald. Zarazua moved, Ald. Christianson seconded to approve the request for a conditional use permit to operate a small-scale alcohol production facility at 1009 Second Street and an unaddressed parcel bounded by Second Street, Third Street and Portage Street, consistent with Ch. 23.02(2)(b)(3)(m).

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

**9. A request from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Stevens Point to sell 23,381 square feet of property located at 1009 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832200405) and an unaddressed parcel bounded by Second Street, Third Street and Portage Street (Parcel ID 281240832200422).**

Ald. Zarazua moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve a request from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Stevens Point to sell 23,381 square feet of property located at 1009 Second Street and an unaddressed parcel bounded by Second Street, Third Street and Portage Street.

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

**10. Awarding project #21-15 (Test Well Drilling) to Midwest Well Services, Inc. dba: Municipal Well and Pump from Waupon, WI in an amount not to exceed $92,472.65.**

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to award project #21-15 (Test Well Drilling) to Midwest Well Services, Inc. dba: Municipal Well and Pump from Waupon, WI in an amount not to exceed $92,472.65.

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

**11. Ordinance Amendment - Section 13.23(2) of the Revised Municipal Code as it relates to Stormwater Utility Charges.**

Director Lemke provided an overview of the ordinance amendment pertaining to rate changes.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve Ordinance Amendment - Section 13.23(2) of the Revised Municipal Code as it relates to Stormwater Utility Charges.

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

**12. Resolution – Creation of revised wards located in the City.**

Clerk Yenter spoke on the revised ward sizes and the plan going forward. She communicated the need for a Special Common Council to be convened prior to November 20th.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

**13. Ordinance Amendment - Section 12.28 of the Revised Municipal Code-Special Event Permits.**

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment - Section 12.28 of the Revised Municipal Code-Special Event Permits.

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

**14. Public Hearing on the City Budget for 2022.**

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

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

**15. Resolution Adopting the Budget (Capital and Operating) for the City of Stevens Point for the Year 2022.**

C/T Ladick gave an overview of the adjustments and technical changes that were made since the budget was originally presented.

Ald. Slowinksi moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the Resolution Adopting the Budget (Capital and Operating) for the City of Stevens Point for the Year 2022.

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

**16. Resolution Appropriating Necessary Funds for the City of Stevens Point for 2022 and Levying the Tax Rate for the Year 2021.**

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the Resolution Appropriating Necessary Funds for the City of Stevens Point for 2022 and Levying the Tax Rate for the Year 2021.

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

**17. Resolution Providing for Writing Special Assessments and Special Charges into the Tax Roll for 2021.**

Ald. Slowinkski moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the resolution Providing for Writing Special Assessments and Special Charges into the Tax Roll for 2021.

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

**18. A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Sale and Issuance of $9,205,000 Taxable General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2021A, and All Related Details.**

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Sale and Issuance of $9,205,000 Taxable General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2021A, and All Related Details.

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

**19. A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Sale and Issuance of $3,305,000 Storm Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, and All Related Details.**

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Sale and Issuance of $3,305,000 Storm Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, and All Related Details.

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

**20. Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 9:12 p.m.