CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 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 Lemke, Director Kernosky, Director Kremer, Chief Zenner, Chief Finn, Admin. Assistant Bethany Dowling, Taylor Hale - Portage County Gazette, Brandi Makuski- Metro Wire, Channel 7 News, Mayoral Assistant Frasch.

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

Mayor Wiza addressed the public and council regarding the need for unity and emphasized that each person has a different story. He addressed the information circling regarding the Business 51 project and the accuracy of the information being shared.

The mayor acknowledged the retirements of Bob Timdal and Dennis Laidlaw, thanking them for their time with the City.

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.

Anne Walkush, 9321 Buena Vista Road, voiced concerns about the Business 51 road project and the impact on businesses. She also cited concerns about the various vehicles and their needs associated with using Business 51 and spoke in favor of a referendum.

David Crueger, 440 Walker Street, announced that he is planning to run for 4th District Alderperson.

Neil Prendergast, 1924 Plover Street, spoke about the needs of Business 51 as it relates to lane width and the need for plans to adhere to highway regulations. He spoke about alternative plans for Business 51 and the homes that would be affected under those plans.

Robert Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, voiced his concerns on budgeting for the city and the usage of bike lanes. He also announced his candidacy for District 10 Alderperson.

Kevin Flatoff, 2151 Ellis Street, announced that he is running for 3rd District County Board Supervisor.

Walter Leppen, 2849 Church Street, voiced his concerns about the Business 51 project.

Fred Kalkofen, 910 Ridge Road, voiced his concerns about the council members.

David Eiden, 1008 Matilda Street, expressed concerns about Business 51 going from four to two lanes. He also questioned competitive bidding for the project and asked for more transparency.

David Davison, homeless, voiced frustration with the council members.

Keith Kedrowski, 1536 Water Street, voiced his concerns about citizens being heard and is in favor of a referendum for the Business 51 project.

Colin Kobishop, 2308 Rice Street, spoke about his family history in Stevens Point and his support for small businesses.

5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council: Samantha Szynskie – Community Partners of Portage County – Program overview.

Samantha Szynskie gave an overview of the program and the positive impact it has had on the community. She outlined the need for volunteers as well as funding.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of November 15, 2021, and the Special Common Council Meeting of November 18, 2021.

Actions of the Park Commission meeting of December 1, 2021:
3. Local Food Fair special event request at Pfiffner Pioneer Park on May 7, 2022.
4. 2022 Fees and Charges Schedule.
5. Update on changes in full-time staffing personnel at the KB Willett Arena.
6. Director's Report.

Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of December 6, 2021:
2. Report of the November 1, 2021 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
4. A request from Nick Bancuk, representing Stratton Capital Division, LLC, for a Site Plan
Review to construct two principal structures on an unaddressed parcel off of Division Street North (Parcel ID 281240829140021), consistent with Ch. 23.02(2)(f)(5)(b).
6. Discussion Only: Accessory Dwelling Unit and Accessory Commercial Unit Ordinance.
8. October & November, 2021 Monthly Reports.
9. Director's Report.

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

2. Approval of minutes of the November 8, 2021 meeting.
3. Approval of department claims.
7. Wellhead Protection Ordinance Amendment.

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

Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of December 13, 2021:
2. Amendment to Administrative Policy 3.02 - Vacation Carry over.
3. Market Survey Results.
4. Ordinance Amendment - Compensation for Election Officials (poll workers and appointed Canvass Board members) (Sections 3.402(2) and 3.46(4) of the RMC).

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of December 13, 2021.

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of December 13, 2021:
2. License List.
3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of December 13, 2021:
4. Request for additional funding for the purchase of a fire truck.
5. Providing the authorization to apply for a WEDC Idle Sites Redevelopment Grant for the property at 1300 Maria Dr. (Former Convent Property).
6. Approval of a proposal from Rettler Corporation for design services related to the Union Street Extension.
7. Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2022-2026 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant application to construct the Stevens Point Plover River Crossing Trail Project and the subsequent commitment of funds.
8. Approving the write-off of uncollectible personal property taxes and accounts receivable.
10. Approval of inter-fund transfers.
11. Approval of claims paid.

Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

Mayoral Appointments:

- **Re-appoint Gary Speckmann to Administrative Appeals Board – 2-year term expiring December 31, 2023.**
- **Re-appoint Justin Adamski to Housing Authority – 5-year term expiring December 31, 2026.**
- **Re-appoint David Ladick to Redevelopment Authority – 5-year term expiring December 31, 2026.**
- **Appoint 2022-2023 Election Officials.**

Robert Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, had questions regarding the Plover River Crossing Trail project and shared the number of bicyclists recorded using the bike lanes on a specific day. He expressed that he was not in favor of approval of this item.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

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

7. Budget allocation from 2022 contingency fund in an amount not to exceed $3,000.00 for hotel costs for Fire Chief Robert Finn in connection with temporary postponement of retirement pending selection of new Fire Chief.

Commissioner Ostrowski outlined the request and the needs associated with it.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve a budget allocation from 2022 contingency fund in an amount not to exceed $3,000.00 for hotel costs for Fire Chief Robert Finn in connection with his temporary postponement of retirement pending selection of a new Fire Chief.

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

8. Resolution- Business 51 Reconstruction Referendum.

Ald. Slowinski outlined the reasoning behind the Business 51 Reconstruction Referendum.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the resolution - Business 51 Reconstruction Referendum.

Anita Jacisin, 211 Davis Avenue, spoke about her experience with Stevens Point businesses and voiced her concerns about the effect the Business 51 project would have on those businesses.

Beth McBride, 3288 Church Street, shared her disapproval of the Business 51 project and is in favor of a referendum.

Ron Carlson, 3356 Oak Avenue, shared his disappointment in communication regarding the Business 51 project. He expressed his approval of opening up the referendum to be discussed.

Bill Cooper, 3400 Fourth Avenue, spoke about his involvement in meetings regarding the Business 51 project and shared his disappointment with Aecom. He also shared pieces of conversations he has had with council members.

Joe Fonti, 3349 Church Street, questioned bike lanes on Business 51 and the unintended consequences of the "road diet." He spoke about the increase in traffic related injuries in Los Angeles after they made similar changes and said he is in favor of the referendum.

Robert Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue,spoke about the delays in traffic when changing from four lanes to three lanes. He is in favor of a referendum.

Kevin Flatoff, 2151 Ellis Street, expressed his frustration with the communication regarding the Business 51 project and is in favor of a referendum.

Tom Brown, 317 Sixth Avenue, communicated that he felt listened to and that his voice was heard on the Business 51 project. He is not in favor of the referendum and is in favor of upholding the council's decision.

Neil Wisinski, 398 Old Wausau Road, spoke about his grandfather, the parts of the city he helped build, and the growth he wanted. He spoke about the traffic study done and is in favor of a referendum.

Jack Leichtfuss, 3132 Church Street, spoke about the need for public input and encouraged the public to voice concerns.

Bob Gifford, 517 Fieldcrest Avenue, spoke about the professional engineers that put the plan together and doesn't think the plan was done under the radar. He is in favor of listening to the hired professional as the elected officials are not experts.

Melanie Patterson, 724 Soo Marie Avenue, spoke about the effects of the Business 51 project on small business owners. She expressed concerns about the effects of the proposed roundabouts and is in favor of a referendum.

Jacqui Guthrie, 2700 Peck Street, spoke in support of the current Business 51 plan and in opposition to the referendum.

Brock Maddox, 5421 Monroe Avenue, spoke in support of the referendum.

John Knoke, 1809 Michigan Ave, expressed concerns regarding bike safety and is in favor of the referendum.

Michael Witte, 2700 Sunset Boulevard, spoke about the need to reach out to local businesses and supports the referendum.

Meagan McGoldrick, 2124 Ellis Street, spoke in favor of the Business 51 project. She is in favor of mixed-use development and spoke of the need for pedestrian-friendly options.

Josh Chapel, 324 Walker Street, supports the Business 51 project plan and is against the referendum. He spoke about the crash rates on Business 51 and wants the city to continue working with experts.

Phil Janowski, 1017 Old Wausau Road, spoke in favor of the referendum and questioned the traffic studies done.

Glenn Aavang, 2725 Peck Street, is in favor of the referendum and wants more information put out to have more community involvement.

Keith Kedrowski, 1536 Water Street, spoke about other biking options and is in favor of a referendum.

David Davidson, homeless, expressed his opinion.

David Eiden, 1008 Matilda Street, spoke about budget concerns and is in favor of the referendum.

Trevor Roark, spoke in favor of the current project plan for Business 51. He cited crash rates, talked about safety, spoke about the need for federal funding, and is against the resolution.

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

9. Resolution - A request from Nick Bancuk, representing Stratton Capital Division, LLC, to modify an adopted conceptual plan for the planned development of an unaddressed parcel off of Division Street North (Parcel ID 281240829140021), consistent with Ch. 23.02(4)(2)(10).

Director Kernosky summarized the resolution.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the resolution request from Nick Bancuk, representing Stratton Capital Division, LLC, to modify an adopted conceptual plan for the planned development of an unaddressed parcel off of Division Street North (Parcel ID 281240829140021), consistent with Ch. 23.02(4)(2)(10).

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

10. Resolution - Approval of the Certified Survey Map and acceptance of dedicated land for right-of-way purposes - Union Street extension north of Maria Drive and Academy Avenue west of said Union Street extension.

Director Kernosky summarized the resolution.

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the resolution approving the Certified Survey Map and acceptance of dedicated land for right-of-way purposes - Union Street extension north of Maria Drive and Academy Avenue west of said Union Street extension.

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

11. ***First Amendment of the Development Agreement between the City of Stevens Point and GenCap Danna Stevens Point 102, LLC

Director Kernosky summarized the development agreement amendment.

Ald Morrow moved, Ald Johnson seconded, to approve the First Amendment of the Development Agreement between the City of Stevens Point and GenCap Danna Stevens Point 102, LLC.

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

12. Ordinance Amendment - Compensation for Election Officials and Canvassing Board.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment - Compensation for Election Officials and Canvassing Board.

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

13. Revocable Occupancy License - To approve a request from Pixelle Androscogglin, LLC for a license to install electrical cable within the right-of-way.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the Revocable Occupancy License - to approve a request from Pixelle Androscogglin, LLC for a license to install electrical cable within the right-of-way.

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

14. Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 12.00 - Special Event Permit Fee.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Christianson seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 12.00 - Special Event Permit Fee.

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

15. Resolution - Authorizing the submittal of a Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2022-2026 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant application to construct the Stevens Point Plover River Crossing Trail Project and the subsequent commitment of funds.

Director Kremer outlined the resolution.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the Resolution - Authorizing the submittal of a Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2022-2026 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant application to construct the Stevens Point Plover River Crossing Trail Project and the subsequent commitment of funds.

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

16. Resolution - Amendment to the 2021 Budget.

Controller/Treasurer Ladick summarized the proposed amendment.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Christianson seconded, to approve the Resolution - Amendment to the 2021 Budget.

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

17. Ordinance Amendment – Creation of Aldermanic Districts located in the City.

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment – Creation of Aldermanic Districts located in the City.

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

18. Resolution- Temporary Polling Location for District 11.

Clerk Yenter summarized the resolution.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the Resolution- Temporary Polling Location for District 11.

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

19. Review and consideration of the 2020 Housing Affordability Report.

Director Kernosky outlined the 2020 Housing Affordability Report.

Ald. Zarazua moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the 2020 Housing Affordability Report.

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

20. Resolution - Required for Community Development Block Grant.

Mayor Wiza outlined the need for the resolution.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the Resolution - required for Community Development Block Grant.

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

21. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 10:24 p.m.