CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2022
7:00 PM

Community Room
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

1. Roll Call.

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

Others Present: Clerk Yenter, Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, Director Lemke, Director Kernosky, Director Kremer, Director Beduhn, Chief Zenner, Chief Finn, Robert Larson, David Crueger, Dean Shuda, Stephen Klein, Corey Keahlier, Ron Carlson, City Assessor Shepro.

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. Kneebone, thanked and congratulated Chief Finn on his retirement. She reminded people that February is national heart month.

Robert Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, spoke about the service charge that is imposed on residents around McDill pond. He requested a plan be established that doesn't increase fees on residents.

Keith Kedrowski, 1536 Water Street, spoke about the Business 51 project and the proposed referendum.

Corey Kealiher, 1111 Minnesota Avenue, spoke about the school board challengers and the difficulties faced by candidates.

Colin Kobishop, 2308 Rice Street, spoke about concerns regarding St. Michael's hospital and funding for the Business 51 project.

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

David Eiden, 1008 Matilda Street, expressed his concerns about the Business 51 project and the city council members.

Brock Maddox, 5421 Monroe Avenue, spoke about the Freedom Fighters of Central Wisconsin and their mission.

5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council: John Harry, Executive Director of the Portage County Historical Society – Introduction and Update.

John Harry, Executive Director of the Portage County Historical Society, gave an introduction and update on the Portage County Historical Society.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of January 17, 2022.

Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of February 1, 2022:
3. Confirmation of bills.

Actions of the Park Commission meeting of February 2, 2022:
2. Approval of January 5, 2022 meeting minutes.
3. Swing donation proposal for Yulga Park by Dr. Ralph and Marcia Locher.
4. Approval of building rental pledge for Iverson Park All-Purpose Building usage by the Village of Park Ridge.
5. Award of Emerald Ash Borer Tree Treatment quote for 2022 and 2023.
6. Division Reports.
7. Director's Report.
8. Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e).

Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of February 7, 2022:
2. Report of the January 3, 2022 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
5. A request from Chase Rettler, representing Sentry Insurance, for a fence waiver to construct perimeter privacy fencing at the property located at 601 Michigan Avenue North (Parcel ID 281240821310003), consistent with Ch. 23.01(14)(g).
6. A request from the City of Stevens Point to be granted a Communication Line Easement from Westside Highway, LLC at an unaddressed parcel off of Roosevelt Drive (Parcel ID 173-23-0823-08) in the Village of Plover.
7. Discussion Only: Accessory Dwelling Unit & Accessory Commercial Unit Ordinance.
8. December 2021 Monthly Report.
9. Director's Report.

Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of February 14, 2022:
2. Approval of Minutes.
3. Approval of Department Claims.
4. Addition and corrections to Capital Operations and Maintenance Plan.

Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of February 14, 2022:
2. Approval of Minutes.
3. Approval of Department Claims.

Actions of the Transportation Commission of February 14, 2022:
2. Approval of January 10, 2022 Transportation Commission minutes.
3. Approval of the January 2022 financial/claims report.

4. Approval for Central Transportation to explore dedicated routes for SentryWorld's 2023 USGA event with the consideration that local costs will be offset by advertising revenue.

Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of February 14, 2022:
2. Amendments to Administrative Policy 2.06 and 2.07.
3. Reorganization of Records Area in the Police Department.
4. Reorganization of the Community Development Department.

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of February 14, 2022.

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of February 14, 2022:
2. License List.
3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of February 14, 2022:
3. Consideration of Claim: Cory Rolack-Damage from Pothole.
4. Approval of Claims Paid.

Ald. Dalton asked to pull item #2 of the Public Policy and General Government meeting.

Ald. Christianson asked to pull item #4 of the Personnel Committee meeting.

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the consent agenda with the above-named items pulled for further discussion.

Stephen Klein, 301 Union Street, clarified his statements at the Public Policy and General Government meeting on February 14, 2022 stating his concerns were not with tarp restrictions specifically but with the lack of consideration or discussion when passing ordinances.

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

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Fishler, seconded to approve the license list.

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

Ald.Shorr moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the reorganization of the Community Development Department.

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

7. Resolution - A request from James Jakusz for a conditional use permit to construct three duplexes on an unaddressed parcel off of Echo Dells Avenue (Parcel ID 281230805420304).

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Leek seconded, to approve the request from James Jakusza for a conditional use permit to construct three duplexes on an unaddressed parcel off of Echo Dells Avenue.

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

8. Resolution - A request from Benjamin Pfiffner for a conditional use permit to operate a non-owner-occupied tourist rooming house at the property located at 2308 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240833201607).

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve a request from Benjamin Pfiffner for a conditional use permit to operate a non-owner-occupied tourist rooming house at the property located at 2308 Main Street.

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

9. Consideration and possible action on: A Memorandum of understanding with Integrity Grading and Excavating.

Director Lemke outlined the memorandum.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve a memorandum of understanding with Integrity Grading and Excavating.

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

10. Ordinance Amendment - Parking Meter Zones and Controls.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment - Parking Meter Zones and Controls.

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

11. To award the Bituminous Patching Project #22-03 to American Asphalt of WI in the amount not to exceed $114,250.43.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve awarding the Bituminous Patching Project #22-03 to American Asphalt of WI in the amount not to exceed $114,250.43.

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

12. Revocable Occupancy License - for SentryWorld to construct a fence along North Point Drive and Michigan Avenue around the golf course.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the Revocable Occupancy License - for SentryWorld to construct a fence along North Point Drive and Michigan Avenue around the golf course.

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

13. Ordinance amendment: Common Council action pursuant to Wis. Stats. s. 9.20(4) to either adopt RMC 4.18 concerning transportation finance or submit it for referendum on the August 2022 primary ballot.

Ald. Slowinksi moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to adopt RMC 4.18 concerning transportation finance.

Robert Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, recommended the city council adopt the RMC 4.18 and suggested a test on the Business 51 project.

Keith Kedrowski, 1536 Water Street, supports the adoption of RMC 4.18 and spoke about the number of road projects that would need to be put to a referendum.

Jenny Burton, expressed her support for the current plan and her trust in the city council.

Brock Maddox, 5421 Monroe Avenue, spoke about the number of people who are against the current Business 51 plan and called for an end to the division.

Colin Kobishop, 2308 Rice Street, spoke about the potential traffic flow issues with the Business 51 plan and suggested other options for the road project.

David Eiden, 1008 Matilda Street, shared his concerns regarding safety and issues with traffic flow.

Ron Carlson, 3356 Oak Avenue, encouraged the council to adopt RMC 4.18 and shared his hope for a positive solution.

Mary McComb, 2100 Elk Street, encouraged the council to let RMC 4.18 go to referendum rather than adopt it.

Director Beduhn gave an overview of other Business 51 options and their consequences.

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

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Leek seconded, to send RMC 4.18 to referendum at the August Primary, in the absence of an August primary, the November General Election.

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

14. Discussion and Action on the Adoption of the City's Strategic Plan.

Director Kernosky provided a brief overview of the strategic plan.

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the city's strategic plan.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to amend the plan to include Emerson Park as an opportunity for development within the central and south point hubs and other places where it may be relevant.

Call for the vote: ayes all; nays, none; motion carried.

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

15. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.