

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

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

**April 18, 2022
7:00 PM**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

Minutes

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, Assistant Chief Kussow, Interim H/R Manager Frasch, Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator Kordus, Dean Shuda, Ron Carlson, Brandi Makuski - Metro Wire.

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.

Keith Kedrowski, 1536 Water Street, spoke about the generosity of community members.

Dave Eiden, 1008 Matilda Street, talked about the upkeep needed for the bandshell and CN bridge.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

5. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of March 21, 2022.

Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of April 6, 2022:

3. Confirmation of bills.

4. Request to hire an Assistant Chief at Step 4 of the City of Stevens Point pay plan - Police.

7. Discussion, with possible action, authorization to hire five firefighter/paramedics.

Actions of the Park Commission meeting of April 6, 2022:

2. Approval of March 2, 2022 meeting minutes.

4. Community Stadium and Goerke Park improvement project.

5. Discussion on current condition and needed repairs for 817 2nd Street rental property.

6. Rejection of bid for Pfißner Pioneer Park Bandshell roof and site repair.

7. Approval of dedication of park lands in lieu of fees for The Convent Redevelopment Project adjacent Prentice Street and Maria Drive.
8. Director's Report

Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of April 4, 2022:

2. Report of the March 7, 2022 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
4. A request from Richard Packard for a fence waiver to install privacy fencing along the southern lot line at 1017 Ridge Road (Parcel ID 281240834200103), consistent with Ch. 23.01(14)(g).
5. A request to dedicate 1.517 acres of land for park purposes at 1300 Maria Drive (Parcel ID 281240829240034).
6. March 2022 Monthly Report.
7. Director's Report.

Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of April 11, 2022:

2. Approval of minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting.
3. Approval of Department Claims.
4. 2022 Reconstruction Projects and impact on 2022 Capital.
9. 2021 MS4 Annual Report.

Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of April 11, 2022:

2. Approval of minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting.
3. Approval of Department Claims.

Actions of the Transportation Commission of April 11, 2022:

2. Approval of March 14, 2022 minutes.
3. Approval of the March 2022 financial / claims report.

Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of April 11, 2022:

2. Request to start the Assistant Chief of Police at Step S4 per Administrative Policy 2.06.
3. Request for Temporary Assignment Pay for interim HR Manager.

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of April 11, 2022.

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of April 11, 2022:

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

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of April 11, 2022:

4. Discussion and possible action on approving additional funds from TIF #6 for the Facade Improvement Grant Program.
5. Discussion and possible action on approval of claims paid.

Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

Ald. Johnson 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.

6. Resolution declaring No Mow May in the City of Stevens Point.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the Resolution declaring No Mow May in the City of Stevens Point.

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

Nays: Ald. Slowinski. Motion carried.

7. Resolution authorizing staff to apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Grant for Emerson Park.

Director Kremer gave an overview of the Natural Resources Grant for Emerson Park.

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve authorizing staff to apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Grant for Emerson Park.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Ordinance Amendment - A request from the City of Stevens Point to amend Chapter 23, Zoning Ordinance of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point. Said request adds Section 23.01(14) relating to the allowance of accessory dwelling units and accessory commercial units in the City of Stevens Point.

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve a request from the City of Stevens Point to amend Chapter 23, Zoning Ordinance of the Revised Municipal Code.

Nancy Roppe, 925 Smith Street, shared her opposition to the zoning ordinance revision. She spoke about the impact on single family property owners.

Carol Molepske, 2125 Clark Street, shared a picture and documentation (on file at the City Clerk's office) while sharing her concerns about the effects on single family property owners. She also spoke about the notification methods being used for public hearings.

Armin Nebel, 1100 Philips Street, shared his concerns about making an ordinance regarding ADU's and the lack of green space at the core of the city.

Cindy Nebel, 1100 Philips Street, spoke against implementing a city-wide zoning change and spoke in favor of variances instead. She shared about the zoning areas that would be affected by the zoning ordinance change.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Avenue, spoke in support of the proposed zoning ordinance changes.

Ron Carlson, 3356 Oak Avenue, shared that he sees the zoning changes as a want rather than a need. He also spoke about the effects on butterflies and bees as a result of ADU's.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Fishler, Dalton, Kneebone, Johnson, Zarazua, Shorr, Christianson.

Nays: Morrow, Leek, Slowinski, Keymer. Motion carried.

9. A request from Gregg Gokey, representing Opera House LLC, for a facade improvement

grant in the amount of \$114,473.98 to perform exterior improvements to the building located at 1124 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240832202973).

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded to approve the request from Gregg Gokey.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing: Friends of Emerson Park/Jefferson School Bicycle Safety Rodeo on May 14, 2022 (New Event).

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the Friends of Emerson Park event.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. Ordinance Amendment - To approve amendments in Chapter 21 regarding Building and Premises Maintenance and Occupancy.

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve amendments to Chapter 21.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Approval of funding for Community Stadium, Goerke Park, and KB Willett Arena building Improvements, including \$420,000 in City contribution and bonding of the project costs.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the funding for Community Stadium, Goerke Park, and KB Willett Arena building Improvements, including \$420,000 in City contribution and bonding of the project costs.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Ordinance Amendment - To approve the amendments in Chapter 9, Section 9.05 and 9.06 as it relates to Traffic Signs.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment in Chapter 9, Section 9.05 and 9.06 as it relates to Traffic Signs.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Ordinance Amendment - To approve amendments in Chapter 16 as it relates to Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the amendments in Chapter 16 as it relates to Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

15. To award the 2022 Streets Improvement Project #22-01 to A-1 Excavating Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$8,709,540.24.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to award the 2022 Streets Improvement Project #22-01 to A-1 Excavating Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$8,709,540.24.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. To award the 2022 Pavement Maintenance Project #22-04 to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers in the amount not to exceed \$244,303.13.

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve awarding the 2022 Pavement Maintenance Project #22-04 to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers in the amount not to exceed \$244,303.13.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

17. To award the 2022 Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Project #22-05 to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers in the amount not to exceed \$230,238.05.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve awarding the 2022 Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Project #22-05 to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers in the amount not to exceed \$230,238.05.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

18. Recognition and parting comments from Alderman Jeremy Slowinski.

Mayor Wiza presented Ald. Slowinski with a plaque commemorating his service.

Ald. Slowinski spoke about his experience on the Council and the relationships he created throughout his service. He thanked his fellow Council members, city staff, and his constituents.

19. Recognition and parting comments from Alderman Thomas Leek.

Mayor Wiza presented Ald. Leek with a plaque commemorating his service.

Ald. Leek thanked his fellow Council members, city staff, and his constituents. He spoke about his time on the council and the importance of election competition.

20. Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) (deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session) and 19.85(1)(g) (conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved) for the following:

A. Initial development review and negotiating the terms for a possible development agreement

for the property at 1200 Main Street and the surrounding parking lot.

B. Update of Acquisition of Property in the Town of Hull.

C. A presentation by the City Attorney regarding notices of claims and claims for damage filed

by Four Seasons MHC, LLC.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to move into closed session.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to reconvene into open session for action on the notices of claims and claims for damage filed by Four Seasons MHC, LLC.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

21. Reconvene into open session for action on the notices of claims and claims for damage filed by Four Seasons MHC, LLC pursuant to Wis. Stats. 893.80.

Ald. Leek moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to disallow claims from Four Season MHC, LLC.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

22. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.