

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

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

**June 20, 2022
7:00 PM**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

Minutes

1. Roll Call.

Present: Ald. Christianson, Shorr, Keymer, Zarazua, Johnson, Carlson, Kneebone, Shuda, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.

Others

Present: Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, Chief Moody, Chief Kussow, H/R Manager Frasch, Mayoral Assistant Kawski, Director Beduhn, Director Kernosky, Assistant Chief Zavara, Captain Heibler, Lieutenant Schoeberle, Firefighter Klementz, MSTC Fire Intern Cate, Director Kremer, Director Lemke, Deputy C/T Freeberg, Attorney Beveridge.

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 a sign regarding a city referendum and discussed the tax increases from the previous county wide referendum.

Dave Eiden, 1008 Matilda Street, spoke about the lack of design options for Business 51 and encouraged citizens to vote yes on the referendum.

**5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council:
Stevens Point Housing Authority recognizing Life Saving efforts of Lt. Mark Schoeberle, John Klementz and MSTC Fire Intern Riley Cate on October 5, 2021.**

Lt. Mark Schoeberle, Firefighter John Klementz and MSTC Fire Intern Riley Cate were recognized and awarded for their life-saving efforts on October 5, 2021.

Chief Moody gave a brief synopsis of the fire and detailed the actions taken by Lt. Mark Schoeberle, Firefighter John Klementz and MSTC Fire Intern Riley Cate.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meetings of May 16, 2022 and June 13, 2022.

Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of June 7, 2022:

- 3. Confirmation of bills**
- 4. Discussion, with possible action, Posting of the Division Chief and Battalion Chief Positions**
- 5. Discussion, with possible action, Authorization to hire 2 police officers**
- 6. Discussion, with possible action, Station #1 Building Updates**
- 7. Police Chief's Report**
- 8. Fire Chief's Report /EMS Report**

Actions of the Park Commission meeting of June 1, 2022:

- 2. Approval of May 4, 2022 meeting minutes.**
- 3. Presentation and consideration of the donation agreement for the convent park parcel.**
- 4. Proposal from the Boys and Girls Club to upgrade the courtyard between the Recreation Center and the Boys and Girls Club Building.**
- 5. Request from the Mid-State Sisters of Skate to serve alcohol in the KB Willett Arena on July 16 and August 13 during their events.**
- 6. Revision to Donald Copps Municipal Pool Rental Policy #1.04.**
- 7. Director's Report.**

Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of June 6, 2022:

- 2. Report of the April 4, 2022 meeting of the City Plan Commission.**
- 8. A request from the City of Stevens Point to perform improvements to Goerke Park and to construct an addition to the K.B. Willett Ice Arena, located at 931 Michigan Avenue (Parcel ID 281240833200107) and consistent with Ch. 23.01(11).**
- 10. Community Development Department Annual Report for 2021.**
- 11. Director's Report.**

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of June 13, 2022:

- 2. To award the Union Street Extension Project #22-09 to Advance Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$596,039.83.**

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of June 13, 2022:

- 2. License List.**
- 3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.**
- 4. Beekeeper Permits.**

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of June 13, 2022:

- 4. Discussion and possible action on future of Edgewater Manor.**
- 5. Approval of Claims Paid.**

Mayoral Appointments:

- Administrative Appeals Board: Ald. Keymer, term expiring April 15, 2024.**
- Bicycle-Pedestrian Street Safety Commission: Janet Jurgella-Finn, filling the unexpired term of Bill Fehrenbach expiring April 30, 2024.**
- Plan Commission: Mark Ilten, filling the unexpired term of Anna Haines expiring April 30,**

2025.

- Supplemental Poll Worker List: See attached.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

7. Resolution Joining The Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition (WLGCC).

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the resolution.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Resolution - A request from Drew Bain, representing the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, for a conditional use permit to perform upgrades to an electrical substation located at 3214 Hoover Road (Parcel ID 281230803400602), consistent with Ch. 23.02(1)(a)(3)(b).

Ald. Carlson moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the request by Drew Bain representing the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, for a conditional use permit.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Resolution - A request from Tyler Ignatowski for a conditional use permit to construct five duplexes on three unaddressed parcels bounded by North Point Drive and Georgia Street North (Parcel ID's 281240830100144, 281240830100145 & 281240830100146), consistent with Ch. 23.01(13)(f).

Ald. Zarazua moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the resolution.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Ordinance Amendment - A request from the City of Stevens Point to amend the Official Street Map of the City of Stevens Point for the purposes of extending Union Street to the north of Maria Drive and extending Academy Avenue to the west within Parcel ID 281240829240099.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. Resolution - A request from Brooke Klesmith, representing Includa Inc., for a sign variance to construct a freestanding sign at the property located at 2801 Hoover Road (Parcel ID 281230802200041), consistent with Ch. 25.14.

Ald. Carlson moved, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the request from Brook Klesmith for a sign variance at 2801 Hoover Road.

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

Abstention: Zarazua.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Resolution - A request from the City of Stevens Point to seek membership in the AARP network of age-friendly communities.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the resolution.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Collateral Assignment of Development Agreement for Bantr Mixed-Use Building at 209 Division Street.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the collateral assignment.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. To award the 2022 Road Resurfacing Project #22-02 to Haas Sons, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$823,729.30.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

15. Ordinance Amendments - To accept the amendments in Chapter 9, Sections 9.02, 9.05, and 9.06 as they relate to traffic signs.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. Discussion and possible action on a park donation agreement between the City of Stevens Point, General Capital, and the Sisters of St. Joseph Third Order of St. Francis.

Director Kernosky gave an overview of the donation agreement.

Ald. Zarazua moved, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the agreement.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

17. Ordinance Amendment: Public Peace and Offenses Against Public Policy - Amend Deposit Amount for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Quantity of Possession of Marijuana.

Kevin Ruder, 3364 April Lane, shared his concerns about attempts to further decriminalize marijuana at the city level and spoke about the rise in marijuana use during the pandemic. He spoke about the consequences associated with Marijuana use, emphasizing the impact on traffic safety.

Joshua Rosenkranz spoke regarding medical uses of marijuana, the value of quality of life, and those who would be negatively impacted if the ordinance were to remain unchanged. He compared the criminalization of alcohol and the current legal status of marijuana and spoke against marijuana being seen as a gateway drug.

Corey Kealiher, 1111 Minnesota Avenue, spoke about the legality of all plants and spoke in favor of the Common Council approving the ordinance amendment rather than waiting for state legislation. He expressed his lack of support regarding any plant being illegal to consume.

Ben Kollock, 1372 North Second Drive, talked about the lowered rate of opioid overdoses after legalization of marijuana in other states. He spoke about the various reasons why people use marijuana, noting that each reason could be categorized as medical use. Mr. Kollock referenced the number of citizens in favor of the 2018 portage county referendum regarding medical marijuana use.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the ordinance as presented.

Ald. Carlson moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to change the age from 17 to 21.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Shuda, Carlson, Keymer.

Nays: Dalton, Kneebone, Johnson, Zarazua, Shorr, Christianson. Motion failed.

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to change the ages to 18 and 17 respectively.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Shorr, Keymer, Zarazua, Johnson, Carlson, Kneebone, Shuda, Dalton.

Nays: Fishler, Morrow. Motion carried.

The following is the vote on the original motion with the amendment:

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

Nays: Morrow, Fishler, Carlson. Motion carried.

18. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.