CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Community Room
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI

August 15, 2022
7:00 PM

OR

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Agenda

1. Roll Call.

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

Others Present: Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, Attorney Beveridge, Director Beduhn, Chief Moody, Director Kremer, Chief Kussow, H/R Manager Frasch, Assistant to the Mayor Kawski, Neighborhood Planner Klesmith, Deputy C/T Freeberg, Director Lemke, Brandi Makuski - Metro Wire, WSAW, WSAU.

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.

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Dalton seconded to move item #16 to the front of the agenda.

Call for the vote: ayes, majority; nays, minority; motion carried.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

4. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of July 18, 2022.

Actions of the Park Commission meeting of August 3, 2022:
2. Approval of July 6, 2022 meeting minutes.
3. Approval of usage and financial agreements with UWSP, Stevens Point Area Public School District and the Pacelli Catholic Schools, Inc. for the Goerke Park improvement project, community stadium and the K.B. Willett Arena.
4. Director's Report.

Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of August 1, 2022:
2. Report of the July 5, 2022 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
5. Discussion on amendments to the City Sign Code.
6. June 2022 Monthly Report.

7. Director's Report.

Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of August 8, 2022:
2. Approval of minutes.
3. Approval of department claims.
4. 2021 Audit Presentation.
7. Purchase and installation of grinder pump.
9. Hiring engineers for annual reconstruction projects.

Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of August 8, 2022:
2. Approval of minutes.
3. Approval of department claims.
4. 2021 Audit Presentation.

Actions of the Transportation Commission of August 8, 2022:
2. Approval of the July 11, 2022 minutes.
3. Approval of the July 2022 financial / claims report.
4. Approval to charge $25 for all monthly passes.
5. Approval of the 2023 - 5310 Grant Application.
6. Approval to add an additional fixed route in 2023.

Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of August 8, 2022:
2. Requests for known 2023 out of state travel.

Actions of the Special Personnel Committee meeting of August 15, 2022:
2. Establishment of salary, hours and overtime compensation provisions for the Battalion Chief offer.

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of August 8, 2022.

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of August 8, 2022:
2. License List.
3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of August 8, 2022:
7. Request to apply for the Reconnecting Grant through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program.
8. Approval of Financial and Usage Agreements with major users of Community Stadium, KB Willett Arena, and Goerke Park.
9. Approval of Paid Claims.

Mayoral Appointments:

- **Supplemental Election Official List for 2022-2023: see attached.**

Mayor Wiza reviewed the minutes from the Special Personnel Committee of August 15, 2022.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Morrow 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.

5. Resolution - A request from Robert Opiola for a sign variance to install a freestanding sign on the property located at 100 Sixth Avenue (Parcel ID 281240830400807), consistent with Ch. 25.14.

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

Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Shuda, Kneebone, Carlson, Johnson, Zarazau, Keymer, Shorr, Christianson.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Ordinance - A request from Mark and Janice Klein to annex the property located at 5410 Windy Drive (Parcel ID 020240835-02.07) from the Town of Hull to the City of Stevens Point.

Director Kernosky gave an overview of the proposed annexation.

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

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

7. Resolution - Authorization to apply for a Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Planning Grant.

Director Kernosky gave an overview of the planning grant.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Johnson 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. Ordinance Amendment - To accept the Ordinance Amendments in Chapter 9.05 as they relate to parking.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Shuda 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.

9. To approve the sidewalk assessments for the 2021 Streets Improvement Project #21-01.

Craig Tesch, 1100 Frontenac Avenue, spoke about needing to pay for the sidewalk improvements in the past and the desire for reimbursement for those who have paid in the past.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to not assess for the 2021 Streets Improvement Project.

Director Beduhn spoke about the implications of that decision.

Ald. Shorr withdrew his motion.

No action was taken.

10. To award the Fire Station 1 and Police Department Parking Lot Project #22-11 to Stuczynski Trucking and Excavating for an amount not to exceed $567,749.25.

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve.

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

11. Approval of bid for HVAC upgrades at Fire Station 1.

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the bid.

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

12. Ratification of the 2022-2024 collective bargaining agreement with the Stevens Point Fire Fighters – IAFF Local 484.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Christianson 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.

13. Resolution - Advisory Referendum for Adult Use of Marijuana.

Vincent Miresse, 1005 Sixth Avenue, spoke about the taxation possibilities of legalizing marijuana and the opportunity for entrepreneurial endeavors.

Ald. Johnson 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.

14. Award Bid for Asbestos Abatement and Demolition for Edgewater Manor (1450 Water Street).

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

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

15. Funding for AECOM to evaluate the engineering and costs of a Business 51 design incorporating a 4-lane cross section from North Point Drive to Fourth Avenue, a signalized intersection at Fourth Avenue and Division Street, a 3-lane TWLTL cross section from approximately Fourth Avenue to Patch Street, and a DOT minimum standard 4-lane cross section from approximately Patch Street south to the City limit.

Vincent Miresse, 1005 Sixth Avenue, shared the planning that has happened already and spoke in favor of helpful conversations moving forward.

Craig Tesch, 1100 Frontenac Avenue, expressed his thanks for the passing of the referendum and is in favor of further discussion.

Andy Suchowski, 2900 Frontenac Avenue, spoke about the potential negative effects for businesses and is in favor of seeing more options.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Avenue, expressed concern over funding and the potential loss of grant money.

Keith Kedrowski, 1536 Water Street, shared the need for traffic for businesses and is in favor of looking at more options. He also spoke about the choice to hire AECOM.

Mary McComb, 2100 Elk Street, spoke about the referendum and its relation to Business 51 and questioned why the northern section would be four lanes. She also questioned the safety of the proposed lane width.

Neal Wisinski, 396 Old Wausau Road, proposed a four lane option with pedestrian consideration. Mr. Wisinski provided photos of possibilities of what Business 51 could look like. The photos were placed on file.

Keith Biesack, 301 Fourth Avenue, encouraged council to reject the agenda item and work with the existing plan. He spoke in favor of making the City more accessible to all citizens and visitors.

Bob Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, asked the council to be proactive and discuss the options with the county executive and supervisors.

Fran Makarov, 2949 Lindbergh Avenue, shared the negative effects on cars when roads aren't in good repair. She spoke in favor of the proposed bike lanes and the increase in access for pedestrians.

Kevin Flatoff, 2151 Ellis Street, spoke about fiscal responsibility and is in favor of passing this plan.

Kerri Ryan, Fifth Avenue, provided a handout to the council which will be placed on file in the City Clerk's office and spoke about the referendum and the way it was publicized. She asked that the existing plan move forward.

Brock Maddox, 5421 Monroe Avenue, spoke about the opportunity to come together as a community.

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Johnson seconded, to postpone action and send the item to the Board of Public Works with AECOM and DOT representatives present to speak about changes or alternatives to the Business 51 design.

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

16. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes regarding a non-agenda item.

Kerri Ryan, Fifth Avenue, spoke about her disappointment with city leadership.

Fred Kalkofen, 910 Ridge Road, asked about a complaint with Ald. Shorr.

Keith Kedrowski, 1536 Water Street, spoke about the open comments portion of Council Meetings.

Bob Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, suggested running test on Patch Street simulating the suggested road changes.

Kevin Flatoff, 2151 Ellis Street, spoke about the purpose of the referendum and the wording that was used.

Keith Biesack, 301 Fourth Avenue, discussed community education and the lack of voter understanding. He suggested public forums and signs in the future.

Ald. Morrow spoke about wanting the non-agenda speaking item to be at the beginning of the agenda.

Brock Maddox, 5421 Monroe Avenue, encouraged citizens to unite together for freedom.

17. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.