

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

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

**January 16, 2023
7:00 PM**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

1. Roll Call.

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

Excused: Ald. Zarazua.

Others

Present: Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, Chief Kussow, Director Kernosky, Director Kremer, Chief Moody, Superintendent Johnson, H/R Manager Frasch, Director Beduhn, C/T Ladick, Deputy C/T Freeberg, Attorney Beveridge, Brandi -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.

Meg Erler, 3233 Leahy Avenue, spoke about the idea of a transportation utility and the effect the utility would have on schools.

5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council: Mike Haug from AVIA – Update on city-wide signage project.

Mr. Haug gave an update on the city-wide signage project.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of December 19, 2022.

Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of January 9, 2023:

- 2. Approval of minutes.**
- 3. Approval of department claims.**
- 4. Rate adjustments for Water, Sewer and Storm Utilities.**
- 5. Renewal of the Izaak Walton League Agreement.**

Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of January 9, 2023:

- 2. Approval of minutes.**
- 3. Approval of department claims.**

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of January 9, 2023:

2. Consideration to special assess for curb and gutter for the 2023 Streets Improvement Project #23-01.

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of January 9, 2023:

2. License List.

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of January 9, 2023:

3. Award of 2023 Contracted City Tree Operations to Zblewski Brothers in the not-to-exceed amount of \$32,055.

4. Approval of Claims Paid.

Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

Mayoral Appointments to the Business Improvement District Board:

- Real Property Owner: Jeanna Trzebiatowski, representing Opera House LLC for a two-year

term, expiring January 31, 2025.

- Real Property Owner: Mike Beacom, representing Point Housing for a three-year term, expiring January 31, 2026.

- Real Property and Business Owner: Brian Cummins, representing Great Northern Distilling for a two-year term, expiring January 31, 2025.

- Real Property and Business Owner: Rosalind Kealiher, representing Rose House for a three-year term, expiring January 31, 2026.

- Business but not Real Property Owner: Hana Cutler, representing Emy J's for a two-year

term, expiring January 31, 2025.

- Business but not Real Property Owner: Tara Manske, representing Bria Bella and Co. for

a three-year term, expiring January 31, 2026.

- City Alderperson: Marc Christianson, for a two-year term, expiring January 31, 2025.

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

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

Nays: none. Motion carried.

7. Resolution: Application for DNR grant for Weed Harvester.

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Dalton seconded, to approve the grant application.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Irrevocable License Agreement - Approval of the Irrevocable License Agreement for 1101 First Street regarding an existing encroachment into the First Street Right-of-Way.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the license agreement.

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, provided background information for the request.

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

Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. To award the Fire Department Roofing Project #23-07 to Michels Roofing in an amount not to exceed \$84,243.25.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Christianson seconded, to approve the contract award.

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

10. Resolution Approving a Referendum for Allowing the City of Stevens Point to Exceed the State Imposed Property Tax Limit under Wis. Stats. 66.0602(4).

Ald. Johnson moved, Ald. Plaisance seconded, to postpone indefinitely.

Meg Erler, 3233 Leahy Avenue, spoke against the referendum.

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

11. Resolution - Binding Referendum for the reconstruction of portions of Bliss Avenue, Mason Street, Prairie Street, Koch Street, and Francis Street.

Ald. Dalton moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the referendum.

Bill Bushman, 5516 Elmwood Avenue, asked about additional costs to taxpayers and inquired about the city's five-year plan.

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

12. Resolution - Binding Referendum for the reconstruction of portions of Maria Drive, Walker Street, and Vincent Street.

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

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

13. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.