

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

Zoom Conference Call Meeting
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**June 15, 2020
7:00 PM**

1. Roll Call

Mayor Wiza, Presiding

PRESENT Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow

ABSENT Ald. Nebel

OTHERS Clerk Krautkramer, Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, Chief Finn, Interim Chief Zenner,
PRESENT Dir. Beduhn, Dir. Kernosky, Dir. Kremer, Dir. Lemke, H/R Manager Jakusz, Facilities Supervisor Gullickson, IT Manager Van Dreeel, Project Manager Skibinski, Mayoral Assistant Pazdernik, Clerk Administrative Assistant Loew, Taylor Hale - Portage County Gazette

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.

Theresa McCraw, 193 Forest Street N, expressed her frustration with the process of Mayoral Appointments and said it is the good 'ole boy system at it's worst.

Mike Taylor, 6905 Country Beautiful Lane, urged Council to update Chapter 12.02 3b of the City's ordinances to add the words "...or headquartered in Portage County" to allow more local businesses to stay in the Farmer's Market and give back to the community. He said he could have gotten a Peddler's License to sell his products but it would not allow him to sell his glass bottled soda.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

5. Consent Agenda
 - Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of May 18, 2020.

- Minutes and Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of May 5, 2020
 4. Confirmation of bills - March and April 2020
- Minutes and Actions of the Park Commission meeting of June 3, 2020
 2. Approval of May 6, 2020 meeting minutes
 3. Lease agreement with Northward Peddle and Paddle for two vacant buildings in Iverson Park for water and land recreation equipment rentals and concessions.
 4. 2020 Donald Copps Municipal Pool Operations
 5. Organized activities and sports in City Parks.
 6. Lodge and facility rentals in City Parks
 8. Director's Report
- Minutes and Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of June 8, 2020
 2. Approval of Department Claims
- Minutes and Actions of the Transportation Commission of June 8, 2020
 3. Approval of the May 2020 financial/claims report.
 4. Canadian National access agreement.
- Minutes and Actions of the Boards of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of June 8, 2020
 2. Approval of Department Claims
- Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of June 1, 2020:
 10. Request from Lineage SCS WI, LLC, for a site plan review of an expansion to the existing cold storage warehouse facility at 5700 E.M. Copps Drive.
 11. Request from the City of Stevens Point for a site plan review for proposed improvements to Emerson Park.
 13. May, 2020 Monthly Report.
- Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of June 8, 2020
 2. To award the 2020 Pavement Maintenance Program #20-04 to Fahrner Asphalt of Wisconsin in the amount not to exceed \$294,735.80.
- Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of June 8, 2020
 2. Request to increase IT Support Analyst position from part-time to full-time.
 3. Elected versus appointed Clerk, Comptroller/Treasurer and City Attorney.
 4. Request to hire a limited term employee (LTE) in the Community Development Department.
 5. Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to consider a request for leave of absence without pay.
 6. Reconvene into open session for action on the request for leave of absence without pay.

- Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of June 8, 2020.
 2. Presentation of feasibility analysis for creation of 3 new Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) districts.
 5. Request to Increase IT Support Analyst position from Part-Time to Full-Time.
 6. Adjusting licensing fees for 2020 due to the interruption in business operations.
 7. Operation of the Municipal Pool for the current year.
 8. Capital reallocation for the Parks Department.
 9. Request to hire a Limited Term Employee (LTE) in the Community Development Department.
 10. Approval of Claims Paid
- Minutes and Actions of the Public Protection meeting of June 8, 2020.
 2. License List
 3. Commercial Animal Establishment
 4. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing
- Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer
- Mayoral Appointments - Transportation Commission: Greg Koepel to the unexpired term of Marv Noltze (expires 4/30/23)

Michael O'Mera 1809 Clark Street, encouraged Council to approve and follow the Park Plan.

Ald. Jennings asked to pull agenda item 6 of the Finance Committee - Adjusting licensing fees for 2020 due to the interruption in business operations.

Ald. Johnson asked to pull agenda item 4 from the Parks Commission - 2020 Donald Copps Municipal Pool Operations and item 7 from the finance committee - Operation of the Municipal Pool for the current year.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the consent agenda with the three agenda items pulled for further discussion. .

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to close the Copps Municipal Pool for the 2020 operating season.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler.
Nays: Morrow. Motion adopted.

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to reject the adjustment of licensing fees. .

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: Dalton. Motion adopted.

6. To award 2020 Goerke Football Stadium Exterior Restoration Project #2010 to Holton Brothers Inc. out of Grafton, WI in the amount not to exceed \$53,600.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the accept the bid in the amount not to exceed \$53,600.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek,
Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

7. Resolution - Conditional Use Permit to operate a partial multiple-dwelling complex at 3421 Church Street.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the to approve the resolution for a conditional use permit to operate a partial multiple-dwelling complex at 3421 Church Street.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone,
Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

8. Resolution - Conditional Use Permit to construct a front porch setback 15' 6" from the Franklin Street ROW at 516 Franklin Street.

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve conditional use permit to construct a front porch setback 15'6" from the Franklin Street right of way at 516 Franklin Street.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Shorr, Jennings
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

9. Resolution - Conditional Use Permit to construct a gymnasium/lunchroom addition and enclosing an existing overhang at 600 Maria Drive, also known as Madison Elementary School.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Leek seconded, to approve the permit for Madison Elementary School.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek,
Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

10. Resolution - Conditional Use Permit to construct a lunchroom/kitchen addition at 1800 East Avenue, also known as Jefferson Elementary School.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the Conditional Use Permit to construct a lunchroom/kitchen addition at 1800 East Avenue, known as Jefferson Elementary School.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Shorr, Jennings
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

11. Resolution - Rezone 3041 Michigan Avenue from "B-4" Commercial to "M-1" Light Industrial.

Ald. Fishler **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the resolution to rezone 3041 Michigan Avenue from "B-4" Commercial to "M-1" Light Industrial.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

12. Resolution - Conditional Use Permit to construct four duplexes on an unassigned addressed lot on Doolittle Drive (Parcel ID 281240827230027).

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the Conditional Use Permit to construct four duplexes on an unassigned addressed lot on Doolittle Drive.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

13. Ordinance Amendment - Tourist rooming houses; Sections 23.02(1)(b)(2), 23.02(1)(b)(3), 23.02(1)(f)(3), 23.02(2)(a)(3).

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for tourist rooming houses.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Kneebone, Fishler.
Nays: Slowinski, Leek, Dalton, Morrow. Motion adopted.

14. Purchase of 1009 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832200405).

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the purchase of 1009 Second Street.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Johnson, Zarazua, Shorr, Jennings
Nays: Slowinski. Motion adopted.

15. To award the 2020 Pavement Maintenance Program #20-04 to Fahrner Asphalt of Wisconsin in the amount not to exceed \$294,735.80.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the 2020 Pavement Maintenance Program #2004 to Fahrner Asphalt of Wisconsin in the amount not to exceed \$294,735.80.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

16. To fund and award the Bicycle Network Improvement Project (TAP Grant) Project to Century Fence, Inc. out of Pewaukee, WI in the amount not to exceed \$685,480.82.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Avenue, is thankful for the past four years working with City Staff, public officials, and residence in support of writing and winning the TAP Grant. He spoke in favor of accepting the bid and explained the consequences of failing to accept the bid.

Michael O'Mera, 1809 Clark Street, agreed with Mr. Roark. It is a tough decision and the City is backed into a corner, but the City would have to accept the Grant.

Robin Rothfeder, 1640 Ellis Street, spoke in favor of the recommendation made by Dir. Beduhn. He explained significant downsides if the City does not move ahead with the project.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the project and award it to Century Fence out of Pewaukee, WI in the amount not to exceed \$685,480.82.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Johnson, Zarazua, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: Morrow, Slowinski. Motion adopted.

17. Resolution - Temporary Change to District 1 Polling Location.

Ald. Leek **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to accept the resolution.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

18. Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 15 - Polling Locations - 15.03 (10) moving polling location for District 10.

Ald. Fishler **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the polling location for District 10.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

19. City of Stevens Point Media Relations Policy.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the motion with the amendment to remove "Public Information" and replace it with "Media Relation".

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek,
Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

20. Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 16.12 Central Business District Sidewalk Café Licenses.

Ald. Zarazua said Mr. Roark wanted to speak in favor of this item but had to leave.

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment as proposed.

Bob Woehr, 727 Second Street, explained what the original intentions of the fences were.

Troy Hojnacki, 912 Main Street, asked if the patio furniture could be kept outside overnight with the exception of Friday and Saturday nights. This would save on staff time for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs each day. He said they would look into a cabling system where everything could be locked together so nothing is stolen.

Mayor Wiza read a comment from Robin Rothfeder, 1640 Ellis Street, who said this is a great way to promote economic activities that minimize risks of pandemic transmission.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

21. Resolution - Relaxing the Open Intoxicant Ordinance on Specific Days in the Downtown Area.

Ald. Leek **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to amend the wording in the last line of the resolution to only apply to plastic containers.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All
Nays: None. Motion passed.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to amend the resolution to go from noon until 9:00 p.m..

Bob Woehr, 727 Second Street, is concerned with being able to clear the alcohol off of the square by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday nights with college students.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Majority.
Nays: Minority. Motion adopted.

Mayor Wiza read a statement from Mike Beacom who said he did receive the letter in the mail regarding this discussion.

Louise Landowski, 921 Eighth Street, Plover, owner of the 833 Clark Street Apartments. She said she does not support this because she owns high end apartments and does not want drunks on the property and make an unsafe place for her tenants.

Mayor Wiza read a comment from Kathy Johnson saying that the Downtown Business owners are looking to make a higher end shopping and entertainment district, not college students going out partying after 10:00 p.m..

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Fishler seconded, to amend the map continuing the boundary at Strong's Avenue up to Center Point Drive the sidewalk along Center Point Drive continuing west all the way down to the boundary where the stop lights are at Sunset Point Winery and the Mid-State Technical College entrance.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Majority
Nays: Minority. Motion adopted.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the resolution as amended.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow, Leek.
Nays: Jennings. Motion adopted.

22. Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 8.09 (2)(f) and Chapter 16.08 (1) of the RMC regarding the use of public parking lots and street side parking spaces for outdoor service, seating, and sales areas for local businesses.

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment Chapter 8.09 (2)(f) and Chapter 16.08 (1) of the RMC regarding the use of public parking lots and street side parking spaces for outdoor service, seating, and sales areas for local businesses.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Zarazua, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

23. Resolution - adopting the Portage County [‘All Hazards Mitigation Plan’](#)

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the resolution adopting the Portage County "All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

24. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:05 p.m.