

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

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

**May 15, 2023
7:00 PM**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

Agenda

1. Roll Call.

Present: Ald. Christianson, Shorr, Keymer, Zarazua, Birr, Plaisance, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Fishler, Morrow.

Others

Present: Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, Director Kernosky, Zoning Administrator Kuhn, Chief Kussow, H/R Manager Frasch, Mayoral Assistant Kawski, Neighborhood Planner Klesmith, C/T Ladick, Director Kremer, Director Beduhn, Director Lemke, Chief Moody, Deputy C/T Carrie Freeberg.

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 land usage downtown.

Fred Kalkofen, 910 Ridge Road, spoke about bike lanes and street maintenance.

Jack Elsinger, 5408 Claret Drive, asked what the council was going to do about a drag show scheduled in June.

Pam Lloyd, 509 West Harding Avenue, questioned childrens involvement with drag shows.

Leon Wolf, 7024 Esker Road, spoke about community involvement with raising children and quoted biblical scriptures.

Colin Kobishop, 2308 Rice Street, spoke about the potential future ramifications of the pride event.

Sandra Bystrom, 2100 Lepak Drive, spoke about morality and normalcy. She asked that the Council stand against drag shows in Stevens Point.

Kari Prokop, 2031 Porter Road, spoke about the restrictions on what children can do within society and urged the council to ask the drag performers not to come.

Matthew Mallek, 801 County Road HH West, shared his concerns about the Pride event and the appropriateness of the event for children. He asked about the safeguards that would be in place to protect children from adult content.

Ann Walkush, 9321 Buena Vista Road, questioned the good that would come from the drag show for children and the future ramifications of their involvement.

Mark Bystrom, 2100 Lepak Drive, spoke about how hard it is to be a child today and voiced concerns about the Pride event is taking place in a public park.

Rhea Kitowski, 2224 County Road HH, shared concerns about teenagers attending the Pride event without parental knowledge and the sexual nature of the event.

Don Butkowski, 1845 Edgewood Lane, spoke in opposition of the drag queen story hour at the Pride event.

Fran Makarov, 2549 Lindbergh Avenue, asked about sidewalks on Lindbergh Avenue and spoke in favor of the Pride event.

Ryan McCaffrey, 3249 Sunflower Road, spoke against the Pride event.

Martha Bawara provided details about the Pride event and everyone who is welcomed there. She spoke about other events that have children's involvement that do not face public backlash.

Ryan Goszkowicz, Event Director of Point Pride, spoke about being a drag queen and the misconceptions about what drag is. Mr. Goszkowicz shared his experience performing drag and the importance of the event for the community.

5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council:

1. Lindsay Stiff, Senior Poppy Princess Flander's Field Reading.

2. Chris Klesmith, City Neighborhood Planner / Economic Development Specialist - 2023 City of Stevens Point Housing Taskforce Report.

Mayor Wiza asked if anyone had objections to moving item number fifteen to right after item number seven. There were no objections.

Lindsay Stiff, shared information about herself and explained the significance of the poppy.

Chris Klesmith, City Neighborhood Planner/Economic Development Specialist, reviewed the 2023 City of Stevens Point Housing Taskforce Report.

Bobbie Joy Amani, a member of the Stevens Point Housing Taskforce, spoke about the need for City leadership for implementation.

Jane Johnson, 615 Sommers Street, a member of the Stevens Point Housing Taskforce, spoke about the tools that can be used to help address the housing crisis.

6. Update on Usage for Potential Shared Revenue Increase.

Mayor Wiza gave an overview of the potential shared revenue increase.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

7. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of April 17, 2023 and Re-Organization Common Council Meeting of April 18, 2023.

Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of May 2, 2023:

5. Confirmation of Bills.

Actions of the Park Commission meeting of May 3, 2023:

2. Approval of April 5, 2023 meeting minutes.

4. Land permission request from the UWSP Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society Waterfowl Project and Student Chapter of Ducks Unlimited to install wildlife nest boxes adjacent to the Plover River section of The Green Circle Trail.

5. Introduction and preapproval consideration of The Plover River Crossing Interpretive Trail Sign Project funded by the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin being presented by Tori Jennings.

7. Forestry Update presented by Forestry Superintendent, Todd Ernster.

8. Director's Report.

Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of May 1, 2023 and Actions of the Special Plan Commission meeting of May 15, 2023:

2. Report of the April 3, 2023 meeting of the City Plan Commission.

4. A request from Lori Gintner, representing Arthur Greco, to rezone an unaddressed parcel off of Second Street North (Parcel ID 281240820340043) from "B-1" Neighborhood Business to "R-3" Single- and Two-Family Residential.

8. March 2023 Monthly Report.

9. Director's Report.

Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of May 8, 2023:

2. Approval of Minutes.

3. Approval of Department Claims.

4. Bill credit for Four Seasons, 1430 Torun Rd.

5. Utility Position Evaluations.

6. Vehicle Use Policy.

10. Purchase of push camera for storm and sewer infrastructure.

11. An estimate for ditching work by Kyle Kluck Excavating.

Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of May 8, 2023:

2. Approval of Minutes.

3. Approval of Department Claims.

4. Position Evaluations.

Actions of the Transportation Commission of May 8, 2023:

2. April 10, 2023 minutes.

3. April 2023 Financial/Claims report.

4. Election of Chairperson.

5. Election of Vice-Chairperson.

Minutes of the Special Personnel Committee of April 18, 2023 and Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of May 8, 2023:

2. Amendment to Administrative Policy 3.02 Leave Policies - Annual Leave - Vacation.

Minutes and Actions of the Special Board of Public Works meeting of May 2, 2023 and the Board of Public Works meeting of May 8, 2023.

Minutes of the Special Public Policy and General Government meeting of April 18, 2023 and Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of May 8, 2023:

2. License List.

3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.

4. Request for extension of open intoxicant to 10:30 p.m. for Pride Crawl on June 9, 2023.

5. Beekeeper Permits.

Minutes of the Special Finance meeting of April 18, 2023 and Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of May 8, 2023:

3. Designation of the official newspaper for City publications.

6. Request from the Department of Public Works for a capital reallocation related to the West Zinda Bridge project.

Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Christianson seconded, to approve the consent agenda with item number five from the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners and item number four from the Airport Commission being pulled.

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

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to postpone action on the utility position evaluations to be brought back to council with the full pay plan evaluation.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve item number four from the Airport Commission.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

8. Resolution - A request from Leah Finucan, representing Associated Bank, for a sign variance to install two freestanding signs on the property located at 1305 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240832100628), consistent with Ch. 25.14.

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

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

9. Resolution - A request from John Knoke for a conditional use permit to construct a second principal structure on the property located at 2001 Patch Street (Parcel ID 281230805100222), consistent with Ch. 23.01(14)(f).

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

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

10. Ordinance - 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 amends Section 23.04(2) for the purposes of repealing the definition of 'family' in its entirety and adopting definitions for the terms 'household entity,' 'household entity plus,' 'dependent,' and 'owner-occupied dwelling.'

Greg Hansel, 525 Clayton Avenue, asked that council do more than what is proposed.

Carol Molepske, 2125 Clark Street, spoke about the definitions of household entity and spoke in opposition to the removal of the word family.

MaryAnn Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, spoke about the needs of the homeless and the high number of rentals in the city.

Armen Nebel, 1100 Philips Street, provided a handout (available at the City Clerk's office) and spoke about the 2017 Housing Taskforce report.

Cindy Nebel, 1100 Philips Street, spoke in favor of the ordinance and spoke against any amendments.

Ald. Shuda moved, Ald. Plaisance seconded, to approve the ordinance as presented.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to amend the ordinance to change household entities to allow three unrelated people in all zoning districts and all housing without restriction of owner occupancy.

Call for the vote on the amendment: Ayes: Zarazua, Shorr, Christianson.

Nays: Morrow, Fishler, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone,
Plaisance, Birr, Keymer. Motion failed.

Call for the vote on the original motion: Ayes: Christianson, Shorr, Keymer, Zarazua, Birr, Plaisance,
Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Fishler, Morrow.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. A request from the City of Stevens Point to enter into an electric underground easement agreement with the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for the property located at 4401 State Highway 66 (Parcel ID 281240823230001) and two unaddressed parcels off of State Highway 66 (Parcel ID 281240823230002 & 281240823120001).

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the request.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Plaisance, Birr, Zarazua, Keymer,
Shorr, Christianson.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Intergovernmental Agreement - Apply for a Planning and Demonstration Grant as part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant Program.

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve the agreement.

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

13. To award project #23.025, KASH Playground Resurfacing to Adventure Turf in the not to exceed amount of \$225,975.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve the awarding of project #23.025.

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

14. Approval of the city purchasing parcel #281-24-0820320013 along Second St. North for the total cost of \$40,000 purchase price plus closing costs.

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the purchase.

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

15. Approval of lease with the Boys and Girls Club of Portage County for space at 933 Michigan Ave.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the lease.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Shorr, Keymer, Zarazua, Birr, Plaisance, Shuda, Lang, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: Kneebone. Motion carried.

16. Disallowance of Claim-American Family Insurance on behalf of William Beversdorf-Vehicle damage due to parking block.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to deny the claim.

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

17. Disallowance of Claim-Sheila Biely-Vehicle damage due to pothole.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to deny the claim.

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

18. Consideration on the Authorization of Funds to Hire an Architect for an Alternative Design to the County's Downtown Master Plan.

Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve funds up to \$50,000.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Lang, Kneebone, Birr, Zarazua, Keymer, Shorr, Christianson.

Nays: Morrow, Fishler, Shuda, Plaisance. Motion carried.

19. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 10:36 p.m.