

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

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

**July 17, 2023
7:00 PM**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

1. Roll Call.

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

Others

Present: Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, Chief Moody, Director Kernosky, C/T Ladick, Chief Kussow, Director Kremer, Director Beduhn, Director Lemke, Brandy - 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.

Bob Gifford, representing County Board District 10, spoke about the housing system and the need for adequate affordable housing. Mr. Gifford requested that the Council make a demand on the State Legislature to pass enabling legislation and make appropriations for public housing.

Rich Kleinman, 2101 Minnesota Avenue, spoke about the Green Tier Legacy Community initiative and questioned the tools not being used to measure the carbon footprint in the city.

Christina Lorge, 2025 Main Street, spoke about the housing assessments and the rise of housing costs.

Mason Roseno, 2733 Clark Street, spoke about the issues and confusion regarding outstanding permits that his property has.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

5. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of June 19, 2023 and the Special Common Council Meeting of July 10, 2023.

Minutes and Actions of the Special Police and Fire Commission meeting of June 20, 2023:

1. Revisions to Policies and Procedures for the Police and Fire Commission.

Minutes and Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of July 11, 2023:

4. Confirmation of Bills.

7. Discussion, with possible action, on filling new Deputy Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator position with Justin Malin.

8. Discussion, with possible action, on moving forward with the employment of entry level

Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Higgins.

10. Revisions to Policies and Procedures for the Police and Fire Commission.

Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of July 6, 2023:

2. Report of the June 5, 2023 meeting of the City Plan Commission.

7. Discussion only: Home occupation ordinance.

8. April and May 2023 Monthly Reports.

9. Director's Report.

Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of July 10, 2023:

2. Approval of minutes.

3. Approval of department claims.

4. 2022 Audit Presentation by Baker Tilly.

5. Addition of Inspection Tech Position.

8. Compliance Maintenance Annual Report.

9. Expenditures related to grit washer repairs.

10. Expenditures related to check valve repairs.

Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of July 10, 2023:

2. Approval of minutes.

3. Approval of department claims.

4. 2022 Audit Presentation of Baker Tilly.

Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of July 10, 2023:

2. Scott Beduhn, Director of Public Works, request to create an Engineering Tech position.

3. Joel Lemke, Director of Public Utilities, requests to hire an additional Inspection Technician position.

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of July 10, 2023.

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of July 10, 2023:

2. License List.

3. Hearing on appeal for rejected operator license for James Conrady.

4. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of July 10, 2023:

7. Approval of Claims Paid.

Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

Mayoral Appointments:

-Plan Commission: Mike Beacom, filling the unexpired term of Mark Ilten, expiring April 30, 2025.

-Historic Preservation and Design Review (Alternate #2): Hana Cutler, filling the unexpired

term of Jordan Hornung, expiring April 30, 2024.

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

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

6. Public Hearing on installation of storm sewer laterals for properties fronting Washington Avenue, Portage Street, Third Street, Meadow Street, and Smith Street.

Director Lemke gave an overview of the project details.

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open. As no one wished to speak, the mayor closed the public hearing.

7. Final Resolution - Installation of storm sewer laterals for properties fronting Washington Avenue, Portage Street, Third Street, Meadow Street, and Smith Street.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Morrow 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.

8. Consideration of possible design changes to the Approved Alternative Business 51 Planning Study.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Avenue, spoke about the current approved design and spoke against changing the design. He also spoke about funding grants that wouldn't be attainable with new designs.

Keith Biesack, 301 Fourth Avenue, spoke about the safety of the new designs and questioned why the approved design has not moved forward.

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Plaisance seconded, to look further into the roundabout at Fourth Avenue.

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

9. Resolution - A request from Emily Xiong, representing Norman Barber Revocable Trust, for a conditional use permit to operate a one-unit residence on the property located at 2400 Church Street (Parcel ID 281240832402902), consistent with Ch. 23.02(2)(a)(3)(d).

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.

10. Resolution - A request from Kelsy Hayes, representing Ross Dress for Less, for a sign variance to install one wall sign exceeding maximum size restrictions on the property located at 5601 U.S. Highway 10 East (Parcel ID 281240836230019), consistent with Ch. 25.14.

Katie Kopas spoke about neighboring businesses that have signs that exceed the current size restrictions.

Fabiola, representing Ross Drees for Less, spoke about their excitement at coming to Stevens Point and spoke about the standard size of their signs across the United States.

Kelsy Hayes, with Creative Sign Company, spoke about the other properties in the vicinity that have larger signs and the setbacks of the property from Highway 10.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to send the item back to Plan Commission contingent on a Special Council meeting held immediately after.

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

11. Community Development Department Annual Report for 2022.

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to accept the report and place it on file.

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

12. Approval of Updated Resolution Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of City Moneys.

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

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

13. Disallowance of Claim-Mitchell Martin-Injury due to fall from a swing.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Morrow 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.

14. Disallowance of Claim-Brian Schweitzer-Vehicle damage due to parking block.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Lang 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.

15. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.