

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

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

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

**OR**

**Zoom Teleconferencing**

**1. Roll Call.**

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

Others Present:

Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, Director Kernosky, Chief Kussow, C/T Ladick, Director Kremer, H/R Manager Frasch, Mayoral Assistant Kinney, Director Lemke, Chief Moody, Attorney Beveridge.

**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.**

Tim Hanley, 2849 Ellis Street, spoke about the reconstruction work on the sound system at Georke Park and requested a new design be implemented as the noise level is high.

Liz McDonald, 1760 Strongs Avenue, spoke about the Edgewater Manor property development and suggested a park expansion as the best use.

**Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:**

**5. Consent Agenda:**

**Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of August 18, 2023 and the Special Common Council Meeting on October 9, 2023.**

**Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of October 3, 2023:**

**4. Confirmation of Bills.**

**6. Discussion, with possible action, on approval of the 2024 Operational Budget for the Police Department.**

**9. Discussion, with possible action, on the promotion of Motor Pump Operator/Paramedic Ben Schultz to the position of Lieutenant.**

**10. Discussion, with possible action, on the appointment of Firefighter/Paramedic Dustin Fleisner to the position of Motor Pump Operator/Paramedic.**

**Minutes of the Plan Commission meeting of September 18, 2023.**

**Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of October 2, 2023:**

**2. Report of the September 18, 2023 meeting of the City Plan Commission.**

**5. August 2023 Monthly Report.**

## **6. Director's Report.**

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

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

**Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of October 9, 2023:**

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

**Actions of the Transportation Commission of October 9, 2023:**

- 2. Approval of the August 28, 2023 minutes.**
- 3. Approval of the August and September 2023 Financial / Claims Reports.**
- 4. Approval of Free Ride Fridays after Thanksgiving through December.**

**Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of October 9, 2023:**

- 3. Adoption of 2024 Pay Plan.**

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

- 2. License List.**

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

- 3. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Stevens Point, Mid State Technical College, and the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors Bureau relating to funding a study for a Downtown Convention Facility.**
- 4. Request from the City of Stevens Point to enter into a contract with Hunden Partners to perform a Conference/Convention Center & Hotel Financial Feasibility & Economic Impact Study.**
- 5. Request from the Community Development Department to issue a Request for Proposals for the property at 1450 Water Street.**
- 7. Approval of Claims Paid.**

**Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.**

**Mayoral Appointments:**

- Downtown Business Improvement District Board: Bob Butt, filling the unexpired term of Jeanna Trzbiatowski, expiring January 1, 2025.**
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Street Safety Commission: Nena Fisher, filling the unexpired term of Janet Jurgella-Finn, expiring April 30, 2025.**
- Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners: Anna Haines, reappointed for the term expiring September 30, 2028.**

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

- 6. Resolution - A request from the City of Stevens Point to amend the City of Stevens Point Comprehensive Plan for the purpose of adding a chapter outlining a neighborhood comprehensive plan for the Goerke Park/Washington Elementary School neighborhood. Said neighborhood is roughly bounded by Maria Drive to the north, Interstate 39 to the east, Main Street to the south and Division Street to the west.**

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

Tim Hanley spoke about the noise coming from the stadium and requested that it be included in the comprehensive plan.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**7. A request from the City of Stevens Point to purchase the property located at 1200 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240832202950).**

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to approve the request.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**8. 2024 Health Insurance Benefit Design Changes and Wellness Incentive Changes.**

Comptroller Treasurer Ladick gave an overview of the changes.

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

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

Abstentions: Christianson.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**9. Approval of the 2024 Capital Budget.**

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the capital budget.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**10. Presentation and interview of Fourth District Alderperson candidates, subsequent appointment, and swearing in.**

Members of the Council asked candidates questions and each candidate was given an opportunity to respond.

Clerk Yenter provided voting slips allowing each Council member to cast their vote.

The votes were as follows: Lara Broderick - 7 votes, Marvin Hafenbreadl - 3 votes.

Lara Broderick was sworn in as Fourth District Alderperson.

- 11. Mayoral Appointment for Fourth District Alderperson to:  
Finance Committee.  
Personnel Committee.  
Board of Parks Commissioners.**

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the appointments.

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

- 12. Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) (deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session) on the following:**

**A. Negotiating the terms of a potential sale of property to Portage County for the potential construction of a Jail and Law Enforcement Center.**

Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to adjourn to closed session.

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

- 13. Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 9:11 p.m.