

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

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

**November 20, 2023  
7:00 PM**

**OR**

**Zoom Teleconferencing**

**1. Roll Call.**

Present:

Ald. Christianson, Shorr, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Plaisance, Kneebone, Shuda, Fishler, Morrow.

Absent:

Ald. Lang.

Others Present:

Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, Chief Moody, C/T Ladick, Director Kernosky, Attorney Beveridge, H/R Manager Frasch.

**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.**

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, spoke about transparency in local government regarding large construction projects. She spoke about the city and county negotiations regarding a justice center and the community outreach needed.

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

**5. Consent Agenda:**

**Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of October 16, 2023.**

**Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of November 7, 2023:**

**2. Approval of Minutes.**

**3. Confirmation of Bills.**

**6. Discussion, with possible action, on moving forward with the employment of Entry level Firefighters/Paramedics.**

**7. Discussion, with possible action, to approve P-FF/PM Moseley to Firefighter/Paramedic status as of November 7, 2023.**

**8. Discussion, with possible action, on the appointment of Firefighter/Paramedic Jennifer Petkoff to the position of Field Training Paramedic.**

**9. Discussion, with possible action, on accepting a donated dishwasher for Station #2 which the department will have inspected by the City.**

10. Discussion, with possible action, on the approval of the Fire, EMS, and Emergency Management 2024 Operational Budgets.
11. Discussion on Division Chiefs and Deputy Fire Marshal within the department being Non-Exempt vs. Exempt Employees.

**Actions of the Park Commission meeting of November, 1, 2023:**

2. Approval of September 14, 2023 meeting minutes.
3. Discussion on Seramur Park restroom shelter design.
5. 2024 Fees and Charges for the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department.
6. Director's Report.
7. Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1) (e)- deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or the conducting of other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session on the following:
  - A. Consideration of a real estate donation for public park usage, where such a donation requires commitment by the City for the future use of the property.

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

2. Report of the October 2, 2023 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
12. Discussion only: Home occupation ordinance.
13. Director's Report.

**Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of November 13, 2023:**

2. Approval of minutes.
3. Approval of department claims.
10. A. Discussion and possible action on acquisition of the property at 4213 Simonis Street (PID 281240834200101) and Parcel ID 281240834200104 for the purposes of construction of Well #12.

**Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of November 13, 2023:**

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

**Actions of the Transportation Commission of November 13, 2023:**

2. Approval of October 9, 2023 minutes.
3. Approval of the October 2023 Financial / Claims Reports.
4. Approval of the 2024 Transportation Fare Structure.
5. Approval to add Free Ride Friday on November 17, 2023.

**Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of November 13, 2023:**

2. Selection of Chairperson.
3. Selection of Vic-Chair, if needed.
4. Request to increase Production Specialist hours from 32-40 hours.
5. Establish Municipal Court Judge compensation for April 2024 term.

**Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of November 13, 2023:**

2. License List.
3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.

**Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of November 13, 2023:**

3. Approval of establishment of the Election Fund and transfer from the General Fund to the Election Fund.
5. Approval of transfer from Tax Incremental Finance District #5 to Tax Incremental

**Finance District #10 for the purposes of financing the acquisition of 1200 Main St. (Former Shopko Building).**

- 6. Approval to reallocate a portion of American Rescue Plan Act funds for land purchases related to future subdivision development.**
- 9. Approval of Claims Paid.**

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

**Mayoral Appointments:**

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Street Safety Commission (Alternate #1): Lawrence Leviton, filling the unexpired term of Nena Fisher, expiring April 30, 2024.**
- Housing Authority: Trisha Steinhorst, reappointed for a five-year term, expiring December 31, 2028.**
- Administrative Appeals Board: Gary Speckmann, reappointed for a two-year term, expiring December 31, 2028.**
- Redevelopment Authority: John Gardner, reappointed for a five-year term, expiring December 31, 2028.**
- Redevelopment Authority: James Barrett, reappointed for a five-year term, expiring December 31, 2028.**

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

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

**6. Public Hearing for the purpose of adopting the 2024 Downtown Business Improvement District Operating Plan and Special Assessment Levy.**

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

Director Kernosky gave an overview of the operating plan and recommended adoption with amendments by city staff.

As no one wished to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

**7. Resolution - Approving the Downtown Business Improvement District 2024 Operating Plan and 2023 Special Assessment Levy.**

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Shuda seconded, to approve the resolution with staff amendments.

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

**8. Resolution - A request from Hans Waldoch to amend the City of Stevens Point Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map for the purpose of amending the future land use designation for an unaddressed parcel near West Harding Avenue (Parcel ID 281240831100139) from 'Not Developable / Restrictive Ownership' to 'Residential.'**

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

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

**9. Resolution - A request from Hans Waldoch to rezone an unaddressed parcel near West Harding Avenue (Parcel ID 281240831100139) from “C” Conservancy to “R-2” Single-Family Residential.**

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

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

**10. Resolution - A request from Mike Sentkowski, representing the Schmeeckle Reserve Visitors Center, for a conditional use permit to install a ground-mounted solar array on an unaddressed parcel off of North Point Drive (Parcel ID 281240828210001), consistent with Ch. 23.02(1)(a)(5).**

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

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

**11. Ordinance Amendment - 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 23.01(14)(g) pertaining to minimum floor area requirements to install a new mobile home in the city of Stevens Point.**

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment.

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

**12. Resolution - A request from Jesse Yungner, representing the City of Stevens Point, for a sign variance to install a monument sign on the property located at 5200 Coye Drive (Parcel ID 281230802200044) and an unaddressed parcel off of Coye Drive (Parcel ID 281230802200021), consistent with Ch. 25.14.**

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

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

- 13. A request from the City of Stevens Point to be granted a waypoint sign easement from Donaldson Company, Inc. on the property located at 5200 Coye Drive (Parcel ID 281230802200044).**

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

- 14. A request from the City of Stevens Point to grant a gas service easement to the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for the property located at 4401 State Highway 66 (Parcel ID 281240823230001).**

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

- 15. A request from the City of Stevens Point to annex the property located at 5595 Regent Street (Parcel ID 020320111) and adjacent Brilowski Road and Regent Street Right-of-Way.**

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

- 16. A request from the City of Stevens Point to sell the property located at 5595 Regent Street (Parcel ID 020320111).**

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

Director Kernosky answered questions from the council.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

- 17. Resolution- Approving Northcentral Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition Cooperative Agreement**

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**18. Ordinance Amendment - Approval of amendment to Ordinance 13.17 of the Revised Municipal Code to codify approved rate increases.**

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**19. Review of documents and opt-out procedures for 3M and Dupont settlements related to PFOS and PFOA class action law suits.**

Attorney Beveridge gave an overview of the reasons to opt out of the lawsuits.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to opt out of the class action lawsuits.

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

Abstentions: Broderick.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**20. Ordinance Amendment- Approval of amendment to Ordinance 14.14(1) and (2) of the Revised Municipal Code increasing dog license fees.**

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Broderick seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**21. A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$9,940,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023A, and All Related Details.**

Comptroller Treasurer Ladick gave an overview of the resolution.

Ald. Shorr moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to authorize the debt to be issued with the aforementioned parameters.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**22. Approving and Authorizing the 2024 to 2027 Ambulance Service Provider Agreement Between Portage County and the City of Stevens Point**

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**23. Public Hearing on the City Budget for 2024.**

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

**24. Resolution Adopting the Budget (Capital and Operating) for the City of Stevens Point for the Year 2024.**

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**25. Resolution Appropriating Necessary Funds for the City of Stevens Point for 2024 and Levying the Tax Rate for the Year 2023.**

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**26. Resolution Providing for Writing Special Assessments and Special Charges into the Tax Roll for 2023.**

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**27. Enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85 (1) (g) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, AND for Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, relating to the following:**

**A. Property tax exemption request from Marshfield Clinic, Inc.**

**B. Discuss the County's response to the City's offer of land for their jail and law enforcement center.**

**C. Memorandum of understanding for pavilion construction in Seramur Park.**

Ald. Shuda moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to enter move into closed session.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Shorr, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Plaisance, Kneebone, Shuda,

Morrow.  
Nays: Fishler. Motion carried.

**28. Reconvene to Take Action on the Memorandum of Understanding for Pavilion Construction in Seramur Park.**

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the pavilion construction in Seramur Park.

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

**29. Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.