

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

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

**December 18, 2023
7:00 PM**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

1. Roll Call.

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

Others Present: Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, Director Kernosky, C/T Ladick, H/R Manager Frasch, Executive Assistant Dowling, Director Kremer, Chief Moody.

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.

Bill Bushman, 5516 Elmwood Avenue, spoke about the usage of the property purchased on Old Highway 18 and Brilowski Road. He asked that any future discussion on zoning and usage would include public input. He questioned the usage of the land in the budget.

5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council: Karalyn Peterson Resource Coordinator at Midstate Independent Living Choices – Winter Challenges and Mobility Challenges.

Karalyn Peterson spoke about the challenges people face in wintertime when sidewalks and curb ramps are left uncleared.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of November 20, 2023 and Special Common Council Meeting of November 27, 2023.

b. Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of December 5, 2023:

5. Confirmation of Bills

6. Discussion, with possible action, on approval of donation from McDonald's East for educational products to be used by Community/Public Relations Lieutenant.

7. Discussion, with possible action, on approval of side letter to Police Officer contract (regarding recruit officers).

9. Discussion, with possible action, on moving forward with the employment of Entry level Firefighter/Paramedics Emma Hynes and Megan Meyer.

- c. Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of December 4, 2023:
 - 2. Report of the November 6, 2023 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
 - 7. Presentation on the creation of a citywide historic preservation plan.
 - 8. September and October 2023 Monthly Reports.
 - 9. Director's Report.
- d. Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of December 11, 2023:
 - 2. Approval of Minutes.
 - 3. Approval of Department Claims.
 - 4. Request to overlap positions upon retirement.
 - 8. Agreement with Strand & Associates for a Stormwater Master Plan grant application.
- e. Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of December 11, 2023:
 - 2. Approval of Minutes.
 - 3. Approval of Department Claims.
- f. Actions of the Transportation Commission of December 11, 2023:
 - 2. Approval of the November 13, 2023 minutes.
 - 3. Approval of the November 2023 Financial / Claims Reports.
 - 4. Approval and public hearing on the 2024 85.21 grant application.
- g. Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of December 11, 2023:
 - 2. Amendment to Administrative Policy 3.02 Leave Policies - Annual Leave Vacation Section C.
 - 3. Joel Lemke, Director of Public Utilities, request to overlap Administrative Service Manager and Inspection Technician.
- h. Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of December 11, 2023.
- i. Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of December 11, 2023:
 - 2. License List.
 - 3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.
 - 4. Amendments to the guidelines and application form for bartender/operator licenses.
- j. Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of December 11, 2023:
 - 3. Approval of request from Portage County for the replacement of exterior doors and associated work at the Lincoln Center (ADRC).
 - 4. Approval of additional funding for 2024 Police Department squad car purchases due to price increases.
 - 5. Approval of funding for the purchase of large garbage carts.
 - 6. Request from the Community Development Department for updates to the Service Fees for Code Violations.
 - 7. Request from the Community Development Department for updates to the Building Inspection and Zoning Fee Schedule.
 - 8. Request from The Opera House, LLC for a Third Amendment to the Development Agreement for the property at 1124 Main Street.
 - 9. Request from the Community Development Department for Shared Sign Maintenance Agreement with Mid-State Technical College for a Sign off of Coye Drive.
 - 10. Approval of Claims Paid.
- k. Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

**I. Mayoral Appointments:
- Appoint 2024-25 Poll Workers.**

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

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

7. Resolution - A request from Wayne Bushman, representing Sunrise Pointe Ventures, LLC, for a conditional use permit to construct five self-service storage buildings on the property located at 5001 Joerns Drive (Parcel ID 281230802200042), consistent with Ch. 23.01(14)(f).

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

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

8. Resolution - A request from Alex Bruder, representing Midwest Heritage Inn of Stevens Point, LP, for a conditional use permit to install an off-premises sign on an unaddressed parcel off of U.S. Highway 10 East (Parcel ID 281240835240004), consistent with Ch. 23.02(2)(a)(3)(j).

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

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

9. A request from the City of Stevens Point to purchase the property located at 4213 Simonis Street (Parcel ID 281240834200101) and an unaddressed parcel off of Ridge Court (Parcel ID 281240834200104).

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

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

10. Housing Affordability Report for Permit Year 2022.

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, spoke about residential zoned land that has a different future land use not being included in the report.

Director Kernosky spoke about the usage of the report.

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve and place on file.

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

11. Ordinance Amendment - 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.

Director Kernosky gave an overview of the ordinance amendment.

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

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

12. Resolution – Polling location for District 1.

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

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

13. Resolution – Polling location for District 10.

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

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

14. Resolution – Establishing Alternate In-Person Absentee Voting Location.

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

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

15. Resolution – Directing Spring Primary Election.

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

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

16. Ordinance Amendment - To approve the amendments in Chapter 9 as they relate to traffic signs.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

17. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.