

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

**January 15, 2024
7:00 PM**

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

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, C/T Ladick, Director Kernosky, Executive Assistant Dowling, HR Manager Frasch, Chief Moody, Director Lemke, Chief Kussow, Director Kremer, Attorney Beveridge, Zoning Administrator Kuhn, Director Beduhn, District 2 Candidate Guthrie, District 6 Candidate Tiffany.

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.

Ald. Kneebone thanked City staff and first responders for efforts made to maintain the city during inclement weather.

Bob Gifford, 517 Fieldcrest Avenue, spoke regarding existing affordable housing options and the need for a systematic approach for housing and transit models. Mr. Gifford spoke about an Affordable Housing Legislative Coalition that he would like to organize which would focus on the collaborative development of multi-family state-of-the-art energy conservation designs for affordable housing options.

5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council: Adam Kuhn, City Zoning Administrator: Presentation on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) County planning grant.

Zoning Administrator Kuhn presented information on the Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) County planning grant.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of December 18, 2023 and Special Common Council Meeting of January 8, 2024.**

- b. Actions of the Park Commission meeting of January 3, 2024:**
 - 2. Approval of November 1, 2023 meeting minutes.**
 - 3. Approval of awarding the timber sale contract for Yulga Park and the West River Park area to Weekly Timber & Pulp, Inc for a total estimated revenue value of \$11,800.**
 - 4. Approval of awarding the 2024 Tree Care Operations Quote for the Stevens Point Forestry Department to The Tree Fella Company.**
 - 5. Approval of design for Seramur Park restroom shelter.**
 - 6. Revision of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department recreation refund policy #1.02.**
 - 7. Director's Report.**
- c. Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of January 2, 2024:**
 - 2. Report of the December 4, 2023 meeting of the City Plan Commission.**
- d. Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of January 8, 2024:**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes.**
 - 3. Approval of Department Claims.**
 - 5. Schedule of pay for Utility certifications.**
 - 6. 2024 Teamsters Contract.**
- e. Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of January 8, 2024:**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes.**
 - 3. Approval of Department Claims.**
- f. Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of January 8, 2024:**
 - 2. Request to approve 2024 base wage agreement between City of Stevens Point and Teamsters General Union, Local 662- Streets / Parks.**
 - 3. Request to approve 2024 base wage agreement between City of Stevens Point and Teamsters General Union, Local 662-Utilities, Utility certifications and Stand-by Pay.**
- g. Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of January 8, 2024:**
 - 3. Approval of Claims Paid.**
- h. Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.**

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Birr 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. Request to start City Engineer at Step 5.

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

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

8. Resolution - A request from the City of Stevens Point to apply a permanent zoning designation of "R-3" Single- and Two-Family Residential for the property located at 5595 Regent Street (Parcel ID 281240826400401), consistent with Ch. 23.01(13)(b)(8).

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

Director Kernosky addressed questions regarding this request.

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

9. Resolution - A request from Danielle Zellner, representing Valley Communities Credit Union, for a sign variance to install a freestanding sign on the property located at 2940 Church Street (Parcel ID 281230805101425), consistent with Ch. 25.14.

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.

10. Ordinance Amendment – Aldermanic District Boundaries.

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

Clerk Yenter gave an overview of the ordinance amendment.

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

11. Ordinance Amendment – Polling Places.

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Fishler 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. 2024 Capital Operations and Maintenance Plan for Public Utilities.

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

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

13. 2024 Capital Operations and Maintenance Plan for Airport.

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

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

14. 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 conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session), for a discussion on potential extension of water utility services into the Village of Park Ridge.

Attorney Beveridge reviewed the conditions of closed session discussions.

Mayor Wiza presented items for open discussion on the interest in providing a water service agreement and if those conditions should be negotiated.

Director Lemke provided information on public works infrastructure and expanding water services into the Village of Park Ridge.

Chief Moody noted the current active service contracts with the Village of Park Ridge.

President Steve Menzel stated the Village of Park Ridge continues to design the Village Strategic Plan which is contingent on City negotiations.

C/T Ladick stated the current service relationship between the City and Village services would support the need for long-term contracting.

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Fishler seconded, to pursue agreement for water services and approve staff to negotiate conditions between the City and Village of Park Ridge to be presented for further discussion.

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

15. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.