

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

**February 19, 2024
7:00 PM**

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

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

1. Roll Call.

Present: Ald. Christianson, Shorr (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Plaisance, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Morrow.

Excused: Ald. Fishler.

Others Present: Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, H.R. Manager Frasch, Director Kremer, Mayoral Assistant Dowling, Neighborhood Planner Chris Klesmith, Chief Moody, Assistant Chief Gemza, C/T Ladick, Director Kernosky, Director Lemke, Director Beduhn, Attorney Beveridge, District 2 Candidate Guthrie, District 10 Candidate Larson.

2. Salute to the Flag and Mayor's opening remarks.

Mayor Wiza made opening remarks on the February 20, 2024, Spring Primary Election, including polling place changes and education presentations for the April Election.

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 Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, presented concerns related to taxes for homeowners on McDill Pond.

Liz McDonald, 1760 Strongs Avenue, presented concerns related to the January 15 City Council discussing evaluating water service expansion into the Village of Park Ridge.

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, presented a thank you card to the Mayor, Alderpersons, and Parks Department for clearing the path along the river for the safety of the community.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

5. Consent Agenda:

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

a. Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of January 15, 2024.

b. Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of January 9, 2024:

- 3. Confirmation of Bills.**
- 4. Informational presentation by Officers regarding City Insurance Discord.**
- 5. Discussion, with possible action, on moving forward with an Intergovernmental Agreement for Providing Automatic Aid Fire Services between The City of Stevens Point and the Village of Rudolph.**
- 6. Discussion, with possible action, on moving forward with adding Division Chiefs to SECTION 3.04 Compensatory and Overtime for Non-Represented Personnel of the administrative rules and procedures of the Stevens Point Police and Fire Commission. (Division Chief and Deputy Fire Marshal Exempt vs. Non-Exempt status.)**
- 8. Discussion, with possible action, on approval of moving forward with Officer Jason Dienger and Officer Samuel Hessel to permanent status.**
- 9. Discussion, with possible action, on approval of promotions due to Lieutenant John Moss' expected retirement on January 31, 2024.**
- 10. Discussion, with possible action, on approval of new Officer hires.**
- 12. Approval of out of state training.**

Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of February 6, 2024:

- 4. Confirmation of Bills.**
- 5. Update on contract/bargaining with the Stevens Point Police Officers Organization.**
- 7. Discussion, with possible action, to approve Probationary Firefighter/Paramedics Nathan Mack, Tyler Kruger, and Naomi Hionis to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic with the completion of their probation effective January 16, 2024.**
- 8. Discussion, with possible action, to approve Probationary Deputy Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator Justin Malin to the position of Deputy Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator with the completion of his probation effective February 7, 2024.**
- 9. Discussion, with possible action, to approve a memorandum of agreement between the City of Stevens Point and Stevens Point Fire Union Local 484 regarding Instructor Pay.**
- 10. Discussion, with possible action, to approve and accept the 100% funded 2024 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant for \$34,205.00 toward Nozzles and Hose.**
- 11. Discussion, with possible action, to approve the Stevens Point Fire Department moving forward with a 2024 Referendum for nine (9) additional FF/PM Positions.**
- 12. Update on the Auto Aid Agreement with Rudolph Fire Department.**

c. Actions of the Park Commission meeting of February 7, 2024:

No action.

- 3. Presentation by Trent Baneck, UWSP Forestry Department intern,**

- on the relationship between trees and hardscape surfaces.
- 4. Forestry division operational update presented by Forestry Superintendent, Todd Ernster.
- 7. Adoption of policy #1.05 related to the sale of gift cards by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.
- 8. Director's Report.
- d. Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of February 5, 2024:
 - 2. Report of the January 2, 2024 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
 - 14. Director's Report.
- e. Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of February 12, 2024:
 - 2. Approval of Minutes.
 - 3. Approval of Department Claims.
 - 4. Commission Compensation.
- f. Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of February 12, 2024:
 - 2. Approval of Minutes.
 - 3. Approval of Department Claims.
- g. Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of February 12, 2024:
 - 2. Amendment to Administrative Policy 2.07 Pay and Classification Plan - Pay Plan.
 - 3. Discussion, with possible action, to approve Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Fire Union Local 484 regarding Instructor Pay.
- h. Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of February 12, 2024.
- i. Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of February 12, 2024:
 - 2. License List.
 - 3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.
- j. Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of February 12, 2024:
 - 2. Approval of a capital reallocation and additional funding for repairs to the Willett Arena, and update on the overall Goerke/Willett/Community Stadium project.
 - 3. Approval of proposal from Ehlers Inc. for professional services related to the creation of Tax Incremental Financing District 14.
 - 4. Request to issue RFP for Demolition of the Shopko property at 1200 Main Street.
 - 8. Approval of Claims Paid.
- k. Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.
- l. Mayoral Appointments:
 - Supplemental Poll Worker List.
- 6. Ratification to approve 2024-2025 collective bargaining agreement with the Stevens Point Police Officers Organization.

Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to ratify the 2024-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Stevens Point Police Officers Organization.

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

7. Consideration of the Public Works Committee decision for a signalized intersection at Division Street and Fourth Avenue, as it relates to the Business 51 Project.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Avenue, presented facts and concerns related to the implementation and design for the consideration of the roundabout.

Craig Tesch, 1100 Frontenac Avenue, presented concerns about the roundabout at Division Street and Fourth Avenue. He opposes the implementation of a roundabout.

Mary McComb, 2100 Elk Street, referenced data to support the safety and efficiency of a roundabout at Division Street and Fourth Avenue.

Lawrence Leviton, 826 Soo Marie Avenue, was a participant at the State Transportation Academy. He completed a local study related to observations on pedestrian flow. Mr. Leviton referenced his findings from the observational study relevant to the topic to support the implementation of a one-lane roundabout.

Neil Prendergast, 1924 Plover Street, presented support and data to implement a one-lane roundabout to promote local safety.

Ron Carlson, 3356 Oak Avenue, presented his concerns related to the safety and flow of implementing a roundabout.

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, presented recommendation for a one-lane roundabout to support overall safety.

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Broderick seconded, to approve a change to a signalized intersection.

Mayor Wiza presented his support for the data-driven decisions based on findings of Stevens Point pedestrian flow data.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Plaisance, Shuda, Morrow.

Nays: Christianson, Shorr, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Kneebone, Lang.
Motion fails.

8. To award Fahrner Excavating project #24-01 Groholski Park Development Project Contract A and Contract A-1, General Site Construction and Granite Trail Construction in the not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.

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

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

9. To award Northwind Solar project #24-01 Groholski Park Development Contract B, Solar Canopy and Electrical Construction in the not-to-exceed amount of \$97,500.

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

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

- 10. Resolution - A request from Patrick Johnson, representing Rydell Management Company, to rezone the property located at 3609 Stanley Street (Parcel ID 281240827230020) from the “R-2” Single Family Residence District to the “B-4” Commercial District.**

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

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

- 11. Resolution - A request from Samantha Pech to rezone the property located at 3324 Jefferson Street (Parcel ID 281240833101713) from the “R-2” Single-Family Residence District to the “B-1” Neighborhood Business District.**

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

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

- 12. Resolution - A request from William Schierl, representing Claflin House, LLC, to amend the City of Stevens Point Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map for the purpose of amending the future land use designation of the property located at 1665 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240832102001) from ‘Multi-Family Residential’ to ‘Residential.’**

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

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

- 13. Resolution - A request from William Schierl, representing Claflin House, LLC, to rezone the property located at 1665 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240832102001) from the “R-4” Multiple Family I Residence District to the “R-3” Single- and Two-Family Residence District.**

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

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

- 14. Resolution - A request from William Schierl, representing IBEX 1641 Main Street, LLC, to**

rezone the property located at 1641 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240832102003) from the “R-4” Multiple Family I Residence District to the “R-3” Single- and Two-Family Residence District.

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

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

- 15. Resolution - A request from William Schierl, representing IBEX 1649 Main Street, LLC, to rezone the property located at 1649 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240832102002) from the “R-4” Multiple Family I Residence District to the “R-3” Single- and Two-Family Residence District.**

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Broderick seconded, to approve.

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

- 16. Resolution - Authorization to apply to the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program.**

Trevor Drake, 1725 Ellis Street, representing Central Rivers Farmshed, presented his support for the grant.

Jeremy Solin, 4501 Nicolet Avenue, representing Tapped Maple Syrup, presented his support for the grant to support small businesses and food manufacturing.

Mayor Wiza referenced a letter of support submitted to the council from Siren Shrub supporting the city's application.

Ald. Birr moved, Ald. Shuda seconded, to authorize applying for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program.

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

- 17. Ordinance Amendment - A request from the City of Stevens Point to amend Section 23.04(2), Zoning Ordinance of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point. Said amendment transfers maximum size restrictions for attached garages and accessory structures from the Stevens Point Building Code to the Stevens Point Zoning Code.**

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

18. Ordinance Amendment - A request from the City of Stevens Point to amend Section 23.04(2), Zoning Ordinance of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point. Said request amends the definition for the term 'home occupation/professional office'.

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, presented concerns related to the current terms of boarding dogs and how the City defines the term grandfather in the zoning ordinance.

Director Kernosky reviewed the Wisconsin State Statutes and City Ordinance defined in the zoning code as it relates to the term Grandfathering.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

19. A request from the City of Stevens Point to acquire 620 square feet of land located at 1017 Maria Drive (Parcel ID 281240829300335) for right-of-way purposes.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. A request from the City of Stevens Point to annex the property located at 5498 Golla Road (Parcel ID 020240826-13.05), an unaddressed parcel bounded by Golla Road (Parcel ID 020240826-13.10), an unaddressed parcel bounded by Golla Road and Regent Street (Parcel ID 020240826-14.03), an unaddressed parcel bounded by Golla Road and Regent Street (Parcel ID 020240826-13.07), an unaddressed parcel bounded by Regent Street and Brilowski Road (Parcel ID 020240826-13.09), and adjacent Regent Street, Golla Road and Brilowski Road Right-of-Way from the Town of Hull to the City of Stevens Point.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Plaisance seconded, to approve the annexation request.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

21. Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 30, Building Code.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

22. Ordinance Amendment – Section 16.06, Snow and Ice Removal.

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

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

23. Authorization to apply for an Energy Innovation Grant from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

Maxwell Johnson, 2345 Jersey Street, presented his support for the efforts made by the City to support clean energy.

Mayor Wiza stated the City closely monitors its energy usage to support efforts in reducing the City's carbon footprint.

Ald. Birr moved, Ald. Christianson seconded, to approve authorization to apply for an Energy Innovation Grant.

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

24. Preliminary approval of a referendum to exceed levy limits for the purpose of hiring nine additional firefighter/paramedics.

Bob Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, presented concerns about the proposed referendum.

Mayor Wiza provided background information on the referendum and the State of Wisconsin levy restrictions. He provided information about standing state funding changes which has resulted in the need for the referendum.

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the authorization for preliminary approval to referendum to exceed levy limits for the purpose of hiring nine additional firefighters/paramedics.

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

25. Weed harvesting agreement between the City of Stevens Point and the McDill Lake District.

This agenda item was postponed at the request of the Lake District.

26. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

