

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

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

**March 18, 2024  
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, Chief Moody, Director Kremer, Director Lemke,  
Attorney Beveridge, Director Kernosky, C/T Ladick, HR Frasch,  
Assistant to the Mayor Dowling, Metrowire Publisher Makuski.

**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. Keymer made an announcement that UWSP has begun their Climate Action and Resilience Planning. The planning team is seeking broad, diverse partners from across the County and City to develop an action plan.

Bailey Bauer, 211451 Graveen Rd, shared the Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partners UWSP Student Chapter is hosting a Global Cuisine Night on April 6, 2024. The event will take place at the Rose House to focus on raising funds to support educational leadership centers.

Dustin Buse, 3156 Dan's Drive, is running for District 10 Alderperson. He presented information regarding his background, experience, and dedication to the City of Stevens Point and the citizens of District 10.

Bob Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, stated his support to vote no to the Stevens Point Public School District referendum. He provided data regarding current district salaries and information regarding property tax increases for residents.

Bill Cooper, 2172 Prairie Street, representing Copper Oil, advocated attendance at the upcoming Business 51 Project meeting scheduled for April 3rd, 2024. The meeting will be held at Pacelli High School at 6:00 p.m. He also reminded citizens to vote on April 2nd, 2024.

**5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council:**

- a. Cory Hirsbrunner, Stevens Point School District Superintendent- Presentation on School District referendum on the April ballot.**

Stevens Point School District Superintendent Hirsbrunner presented information regarding the proposed District Referendum. The presentation included supportive data and information on how to learn more about the District's evaluation supporting the need for the referendum.

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

**6. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of February 19, 2024.**
- b. Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of March 4, 2024:**
- 2. Report of the February 5, 2024 meeting of the City Plan Commission.**
  - 5. A request from Taylor Placek, representing Russell Gymnastics LLC, for a site plan review to construct a building addition on the property located at 5717 E M Copps Drive (Parcel ID 281230801210007), consistent with Ch. 23.02(4)(h)(1).**
  - 9. November 2023 - January 2024 Monthly Reports.**
- c. Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of March 5, 2024:**
- 4. Approval of Minutes.**
  - 5. Confirmation of Bills.**
  - 6. Ratification of the 2024-2025 collective bargaining agreement between the City of Stevens Point and the Stevens Point Police Officers Organization.**
- d. Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of March 11, 2024:**
- 2. Approval of minutes.**
  - 3. Approval of department claims.**
  - 4. Purchase of paving attachments and agreement with the Department of Public Works.**
  - 5. Contracted services for GIS.**
- e. Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of March 11, 2024:**
- 2. Approval of minutes.**
  - 3. Approval of department claims.**
- f. Actions of the Transportation Commission of March 11, 2024:**
- 2. Approval of the December 11, 2023 minutes.**
  - 3. Approval of the December 2023, January 2024 and February 2024. Financial/Claims Reports.**
  - 4. Approval to spend up to \$20,000 from the dedicated transit fund for the local share (20%) of the 5304 Planning Grant Program in order to fund the planning and design of a downtown transfer center.**
- g. Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of March 11, 2024:**
- 2. Amendment to Administrative Policy 3.03 Travel Reimbursements - Section 2A - Meals.**
- h. Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of March 11, 2024:**
- 2. License List.**
  - 3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.**
- i. Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of March 11, 2024.**

- Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of March 11, 2024:**
- 2. Approval of amendment to WEDC Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant.**
- 7. Approval of Claims Paid.**

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Christianson 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.

- Resolution - A request from Jim Lundberg, representing La Clinica De Los Campesinos Inc., to rezone the property located at 2501 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240833202516) from the “R-5” Multiple Family II Residence District to the “B-4” Commercial District.**

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

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

- Resolution - A request from Taylor Placek, representing Russell Gymnastics LLC, to amend an adopted conceptual plan for the planned industrial development of the property located at 5717 E M Copps Drive (Parcel ID 281230801210007), consistent with Ch. 23.02(4)(h)(10).**

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

Director Kernosky addressed questions presented by the council.

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

- A request from the City of Stevens Point to accept 0.113 acres of land located at 3300 Church Street (Parcel ID 281230804301201) from Portage County for right-of-way purposes.**

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

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

- A request from the City of Stevens Point to sell the property located at 4213 Simonis Street (Parcel ID 281240834200101).**

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

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

**11. A request from the City of Stevens Point to enter into a Utility Easement Agreement for the property located at 4312 Arbutus Lane (Parcel ID 020240834-02.05).**

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

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

**12. Ordinance Amendment – Section 12.05: Cigarette, Electronic Vaping Devices and Tobacco Product Sales.**

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

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

**13. To award the 2024 Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Repair Program #24-05 to Wroblewski Concrete Construction, LLC out of Stevens Point for an amount not to exceed \$98,838.59.**

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

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

**14. To award the EPCC Badger Road Extension (EM Copps to CTH HH) Project #24-10 to Haas Sons, Inc. out of Thorp for an amount not to exceed \$5,041,736.42.**

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

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

**15. Disallowance of Claim-Sharon Inman-Sewage Backup.**

Ald. Fishler moved, Ald. Broderick seconded, to disallow the claim.

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

**16. Disallowance of Claim-Donald Ciseski-Tire and rim damage due to missing manhole**



Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to enter into open session.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**19. Resume open session for anticipated action on the settlement agreement.**

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Shuda seconded, to approve the settlement agreement as presented.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**20. Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.