

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

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

**April 15, 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, Director Kremer, C/T Ladick, Director Kernosky, Attorney Beveridge, Chief Moody, Forester Ernster, Director Lemke, Chief Kussow, H/R Manager Frasch, Director Beduhn, Brandi Makuski - MetroWire.

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.

Gil Kvatek, 216 West Pleasant Street, spoke about the traffic on the west side in regard to vehicles speeding.

Lynette Kvatek, 216 West Pleasant Street, asked for attention to be focused on increasing pedestrian safety on West River Drive.

Jake Wievel, 1941 West River Drive, the nephew of Herb Wievel, spoke about pedestrian safety on West River Drive.

Mike Schimke, 440 West Trillium Court, reiterated the thoughts of his neighbors and his hope for increased consideration of pedestrian safety.

Jackie Schimke, 440 West Trillium Court, spoke about the increase in speeders and vehicles "trying to beat the train." She requested the community work with them and come up with immediate temporary solutions, such as placement of speed bumps, as well as long-term studies for solutions.

Eric Olson, 2025 West River Drive, spoke about pedestrians recently being hit by vehicles in the city, and speed being an issue. He asked for leadership from the city to acknowledge and address the problem and design issues in the streets.

Jess Sherman, 2048 West Zinda Drive, spoke about the tragedy of Herb Wievel being hit on West River Drive and requested improvements, including speed bumps and continued monitoring of the roads for pedestrian safety.

Sandy Medin, 2101 West River Drive, requested a focus on speed and safety in the area.

Dave Medin, 2101 West River Drive, spoke about how much foot traffic there is in the West River Drive area and urged everyone to work together to come up with a solution.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of March 18, 2024.**
- b. **Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of April 4, 2024:**
 2. **Approval of Minutes.**
 3. **Confirmation of Bills.**
 4. **Officer Jadon Solis off probation April 1st, 2024.**
 5. **Approval of the 2023 Stevens Point Police Department Annual Report to be published.**
 7. **Discussion, with possible action, to approve A/C Gemza to attend a National EMS Summit being held in Tucson, AZ.**
 8. **After-Action Report on the December 30th incident by City Emergency Management.**
- c. **Actions of the Park Commission meeting of April 3, 2024:**
 2. **Approval of February 7, 2024 meeting minutes.**
 3. **Request from Alderperson Kneebone to discuss extending Walker Street through park land to Old Wausau Road.**
 4. **Director's Report.**
- d. **Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of April 1, 2024:**
 2. **Report of the March 4, 2024 meeting of the City Plan Commission.**
 7. **Director's Report.**
- e. **Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of April 8, 2024:**
 2. **Request for Out of State Travel for A/C Gemza to attend a National EMS Summit being held in Tucson, AZ.**
- f. **Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of April 8, 2024.**
- g. **Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of April 8, 2024:**
 2. **License List.**
 3. **Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.**
- h. **Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of April 8, 2024:**
 2. **Approval of modifications to the relocation assistance program for former Edgewater Manor residents.**
 4. **Approval of request to reallocate capital project funds and to add an additional \$25,000 in capital project funding in order to complete the roofing projects for Fire Station #2 and the Public Works Garage.**
 5. **Approval of the State Municipal Agreement from the State of Wisconsin DOT to participate with WisDOT to repave HWY 66 between West Gates Drive and West Karner Street.**
 6. **Approval of agreements with AECOM for the final design of Business 51.**
 7. **Approval of funding for the construction of a proposed subdivision at 5498 Golla Road.**
 8. **Approval of Claims Paid.**

9. **Ordinance Amendment - A request from the City of Stevens Point to amend Chapter 22, Historic Preservation and Design Review Ordinance, of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point. Said amendment amends Section 22.05(7) as it relates to demolition by neglect.**

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

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

10. **Project #24-01 - To award the Northside Streets Improvements Project to Integrity Grading and Excavating, Inc. out of Schofield, WI in an amount not to exceed \$8,190,065.93.**

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the bid subject to Plan Commission review.

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

11. **Project #24-02 - To award the 2024 Southside Streets Improvements Project to A-1 Excavating LLC out of Bloomer, WI in an amount not to exceed \$3,329,944.60.**

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the bid subject to Plan Commission review if necessary.

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

12. **Project #24-07 - To award the 2024 Public Works Garage Roofing Project to Maurer Roofing out of Marshfield, WI in an amount not to exceed \$222,690.60.**

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.

13. **Project #24-08 - To award the 2024 Fire Station 2 Roofing Project to Modern Builders out of Janesville, IA in an amount not to exceed \$354,748.38.**

Ald. Fishler 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. Project #24-11 - To award the 2024 Forest Creek Subdivision Project to A-1 Excavating LLC out of Bloomer, WI in an amount not to exceed \$3,256,634.40.

Cheryl Pavelec-Marti, 326 Brilowski Road N, wants more information on the pro forma of the entire project and to be assured that the city fully understands the impact and the costs concerned with developing the residential project. She wants to ensure that taxpayers will not assume additional costs.

Ernie Neuenfeldt, 601 North Maple Bluff Court, urges the Alderpersons to vote "no" until they have an approved plot.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the bid subject to Plan Commission review.

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

15. Preliminary Resolution for the 2024 Street Improvement - Northside Project.

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

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

16. Resolution - Authorization to apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant.

Ald. Shorr 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.

17. Recognition and parting comments from outgoing Alderpersons Shorr, Plaisance, and Fishler.

Ald. Shorr, Ald. Plaisance, and Ald. Fishler presented their parting comments and received plaques of recognition.

18. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.