

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

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

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

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

1. Roll Call.

Present:

Ald. Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow.

Others Present:

Mayor Wiza, Clerk Yenter, Chief Kussow, Chief Moody, H/R Manager Frasch, Director Kremer, C/T Ladick, Director Beduhn, Director Lemke, Director Kernosky, Attorney Beveridge, Neighborhood Planner/Economic Development Specialist Klesmith, Executive Assistant Dowling, Tax Specialist Pagel.

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 Director Kernosky for his years of service to the City as well as expressed concern about what she feels was a pre-mature time frame of posting the Director of Community Development job opening. Ald. Kneebone emphasized that filling the position too quickly would not allow the Common Council to consider all available options. As Personnel Committee Chair, Ald. Kneebone will also be requesting a presentation by Director Kernosky be placed on the agenda to address what multiple forms of government would look like.

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, spoke in favor of looking into the City Administrator position and requested that the City hold contractors responsible for code compliance.

5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council:

Michelle Gullickson and Dave Barbier: UWSP Office of Sustainability - UWSP's Climate Action and Resilience Planning.

Michelle Gullickson and Dave Barbier representing UWSP Office of Sustainability, shared a presentation on UWSP's Climate Action and Resilience Planning. Key areas of the presentation

include how the plan started and evolved, it's importance, the project timeline, goals, engagement outreach, as well as contact information for those that would like to be involved.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

- 6. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of July 15, 2024.**
 - b. Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of August 6, 2024:**
 - 3. Approval of Minutes.**
 - 4. Confirmation of Bills.**
 - 5. Discussion, with possible action, on approval of Police Department capital budget requests for 2025:**
 - 1. Handheld portable radios.**
 - 2. Infrastructure/Tower for east side reception (tac channel).**
 - 3. Squad radios.**
 - 7. Discussion, with possible action, to approve an Intern from UWSP to assist with fire department needs effective Fall Semester of 2024.**
 - 9. Discussion, with possible action, to approve carrying over 188 hours of vacation for Chief Moody from last year and to be used by August 16, 2026.**
 - 10. Discussion, with possible action, to approve the Fire Department capital budget for 2025.**
 - 11. Discussion, with possible action, to approve the possibility of out-of-state travel for Fire Department members in 2025.**
 - c. Actions of the Park Commission meeting of August 7, 2024:**
 - 3. Proposal to fund and install public communication boards at Iverson, Pfiffner and Mead Parks by Midstate Independent Living Choices.**
 - 4. Approval of lease renewal with Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council for the neighborhood garden located at 300 Franklin Street.**
 - 5. Director's Report.**
 - d. Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of August 5, 2024:**
 - 2. Report of the July 1, 2024 meeting of the City Plan Commission.**
 - 5. A request from Brett Gerber, representing Pointer Plaza, LLC, for a site plan review to construct a multiple-unit apartment building on the property located at 1800 Maria Drive (Parcel ID 281240829140022), consistent with Ch. 23.02(2)(f)(5)(b) & Ch. 23.02(4)(b)(1)(2).**
 - 6. A request from the City of Stevens Point to acquire the property located at 2517 Prais Street (Parcel ID 281240828301611).**
 - 7. Discussion on Eastside and Southeast neighborhood plans.**
 - 8. February-June 2024 Monthly Reports.**
 - 9. Director's Report.**
 - e. Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of August 12, 2024:**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes.**
 - 3. Approval of Department Claims.**
 - 4. 2023 Audit Presentation by Baker Tilly.**
 - 6. Expenses related to pump repair for Well 11.**
 - 8. SCADA computer replacement.**
 - 9. Architectural services for an addition to the utility administration.**
 - f. Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of August 12, 2024:**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes.**

- 3. Approval of Department Claims.
- 4. 2023 Audit Presentation by Baker Tilly.
- g. **Actions of the Transportation Commission of August 13, 2024:**
 - 2. Approval of the June 2024 Minutes.
 - 3. Approval of the June and July Financial/Claims Reports.
 - 4. Approval to Apply for 2025 5310 Grants (Operating, Mobility Management, and Vehicle Grants).
 - 5. Discussion and Approval of Fixed Route Changes.
- h. **Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of August 12, 2024:**
 - 2. Requests for known 2025 out of state travel.
 - 4. Director Kernosky requests to move the Permit Technician to permanent full-time.
- i. **Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of August 12, 2024:**
 - 4. To consider a request from WisDOT and OCR to eliminate the Park Street railroad crossing.
- j. **Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of August 12, 2024:**
 - 2. License List.
 - 3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.
- k. **Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of August 12, 2024:**
 - 3. Update on the 2025 operating budget, review of budget timelines, and establishing related guidelines.
 - 4. Approval of targets for the 2024 tax year/2025 payable tax levy.
 - 6. Approval of proposal from Ehlers Inc. for a project plan amendment for Tax Incremental Financing District (TID) 9, to allow increment sharing with TIDs 10, 11, and 12.
 - 7. Approval of the acquisition of 2517 Prais Street bordering Goerke Park.
 - 8. Approval of Claims Paid.
- l. **Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.**
- m. **Mayoral Appointments.**
 - Zoning Board of Appeals: Stephen Klein, filling the unexpired term of Gracia Day, expiring April 30, 2027.
 - Zoning Board of Appeals: Tom Schrader, for a three-year term expiring April 30, 2027.
 - Bicycle-Pedestrian Street Safety Commission: Tom Baldischwiler, for a three-year term expiring April 30, 2027.
 - Supplemental Poll Workers.

Trevor Rork, 601 Washington Avenue, spoke against consent agenda item 6d6, a request from the City of Stevens Point to acquire the property located at 2517 Prais Street. Mr. Rork cited concerns regarding lack of public discourse, alternate transportation techniques, reducing convection, and the potential for lower cost solutions.

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

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

- 7. Resolution - A request from Zach Brocken, representing North Reserve Property Group, LLC, for a conditional use permit to construct more than one duplex on an unaddressed parcel bounded by Reserve Street North (Parcel ID 281240820140150), consistent with Ch. 23.01(14)(f) & Ch. 23.02(2)(a)(3)(d).**

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

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

- 8. Ordinance Amendment - A request from the City of Stevens Point to amend the Official Street Map of the City of Stevens Point. Said request establishes Evelyn Court, Joe Street, Leonard Street and Lost Creek Road within Lots 1-60 (Parcel ID 281240826400501-281240826400562) of Forest Creek Subdivision.**

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

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

- 9. Resolution - Authorization to apply for WEDC Idle Sites Redevelopment Grant for The Oaks Affordable Housing Project.**

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

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

- 10. Request to Modify Limited Term Electrical Inspector's Salary.**

Ald. Birr moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to approve the request.

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

- 11. Ordinance Amendment - To accept the amendments in Chapter 9, Section 9.05 as it relates to parking.**

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

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

- 12. To award the 2024 Pavement Maintenance Program Project #24-04 to Fahrner Asphalt**

Sealers, LLC out of Plover for an amount not to exceed \$281,744.25.

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

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

13. A resolution authorizing a referendum for the City of Stevens Point to hire additional fire department personnel.

C/T Ladick discussed the reason why the City totals are defined differently than the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Mayor Wiza addressed how community outreach would proceed forward.

Chief Moody also gave specifics on community outreach, including multiple forums with the Chief and mailers going out.

Mayor Wiza reminded all that the law prohibits City staff from encouraging electors to vote a certain way. Therefore, all communication must remain informational and accurate.

Ald. Kneebone discussed the importance of emergency responders for our community.

Ald. Guthrie questioned if informational cards could be made for the Council or if it would be preferred to refer citizens back to the Fire Department.

Chief Moody stated that they would develop laminated talking point cards for the Alderpersons. However, if there are questions beyond the informational cards, they can refer them to himself or his staff.

Mayor Wiza clarified that the Local 484 Union has their own political action committee that is not bound by the same rules the City is, and they can be politically active.

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

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

14. Enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85 (1) (g) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, AND for Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, relating to the following:
A. Negotiating the purchase of property in TID 10.

Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to enter into closed session at 7:44 pm.

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

15. Reconvene to take action on negotiating the purchase of property in TID 10.

Ald. Steinmetz moved, Ald. Shuda seconded, to reconvene at 8:15 p.m.

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

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Guthrie seconded, to approve the purchase of 601 Main Street.

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

16. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 8:16 p.m.