

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

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

**March 17, 2025
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, C/T Ladick, Executive Assistant Dowling, Director Kivela, Chief Kussow, Tax Specialist Susan Pagel, Assistant Chief Gemza, Director Lemke, Attorney Beveridge, City Engineer Schanen, County Executive Pavelski, County Chair Reser.

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.

Susan Pagel, 1108 Francis Street, spoke about their candidacy running for City Clerk.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

5. Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of February 17, 2025.

b. Minutes and Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of March 6, 2025:

3. Approval of Minutes (January).

4. Approval of Minutes (February special meeting).

5. Confirmation of Bills (January).

6. Confirmation of Bills (February).

7. Discussion, with possible action, to approve a conditional offer of employment from the Stevens Point Police Department to Alex Tadych and Marcus Sowa.

10. Discussion, with possible action, on the appointment of Firefighter/Paramedic Ethan Przybylski to the position of Motor Pump Operator/Paramedic.

11. Discussion, with possible action, to approve a fundraiser donation of \$153.59 from Taco Johns to assist the Stevens Point Fire Department with additional PFDs for water rescue purposes.

c. Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of March 3, 2025:

- 2. Report of the February 3, 2025 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
- 8. October 2024 - January 2025 Monthly Reports.
- 9. Director's Report.
- d. **Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of March 10, 2025:**
 - 2. Approval of minutes.
 - 3. Approval of department claims.
 - 6. Sewer credit for 1430 Torun Road.
- e. **Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of March 10, 2025:**
 - 2. Approval of minutes.
 - 3. Approval of department claims.
- f. **Actions of the Transportation Commission of March 10, 2025:**
 - 2. Approval of January 13, 2025 minutes.
 - 3. Approval of January and February 2025 Financial/Claims Report.
 - 4. Approval of Spending: \$10,000 for new camera equipment.
- g. **Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of March 10, 2025.**
- h. **Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of March 10, 2025:**
 - 2. Consideration of the voluntary closure of the Park Street Railroad Crossing.
- i. **Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of March 10, 2025:**
 - 2. License List.
 - 3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.
 - 4. Request to keep six coturnix quail - 497 West Mapleridge Drive.
- j. **Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of March 10, 2025:**
 - 4. Approval of funding for a contract with North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for assistance with a comprehensive plan rewrite.
 - 5. Approval of a lease of city-owned land for farming purposes with Bernard Mocadlo.
 - 6. Approval of Claims Paid.
- k. **Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.**

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.

6. Public Hearing - 2025 Streets Improvement Project #24-11- Special Assessments for the installation of watermain, sanitary sewer, and appurtenant services/laterals.

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

Town of Hull Chairperson Dave Wilz, 1909 Mary's Drive, spoke about the mailing that was sent out and thanked everyone for the follow-up that occurred with the recipients. Mr. Wilz also spoke about his meeting with Director Beduhn as well as City Surveyor Fuehrer with regard to the steps, protocol and satisfaction with the explanation of the cost as well as transparency.

As no one else wished to speak, Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing closed.

7. Final Resolution - 2025 Streets Improvement Project #24-11- Special Assessments for the installation of watermain, sanitary sewer, and appurtenant services/laterals.

Ald. Shuda moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve the resolution.

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

8. Ordinance Amendment - to approve changes to Chapter 13, Subsection 13.09(b) of Section 13.09, Water Service Limits.

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

Ald. Christianson discussed his preference for the requirement of connection being five years versus ten years.

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

9. Resolution - A request from Adam Sandstrom, representing FFH Holdings, LLC, for a preliminary subdivision plat review of a proposed subdivision on an unaddressed parcel bounded by Hoover Road and Heffron Street (Parcel ID 281230803140102), consistent with Ch. 20.05(1).

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

Ald. Morrow spoke in favor of the resolution and the opportunity for additional housing within the community.

Ald. Kneebone asked if the Fire Department would have any preference between a cul-de-sac or a hammerhead.

Assistant Chief Gemza answered that there would be no preference at this time.

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

10. To award the Hoover Road Intersection Signalizations Project #25-105 to Bodart Electric Service out of De Pere, WI for an amount not to exceed \$467,880.66.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve the award.

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

11. A request from the City of Stevens Point to approve a right-of-way plat and relocation

order as part of the north segment Business 51 reconstruction project.

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

Mayor Wiza asked about the roundabout on Fourth Avenue and Division Street and if there would be a need to make modifications, what options would be available. Mayor Wiza gave the example of the need for buses to reroute due to the roundabout on Second Street and Maria Drive.

City Engineer Schanen answered that the size of the roundabout at Second Street and Maria Drive is the size it is due to the right of way. City Engineer Schanen further explained that at Fourth Avenue and Division Street there will be additional right of way acquisition to construct a larger roundabout.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson.
Nays: Shuda. Motion carried.

12. A request from the City of Stevens Point to approve a right-of-way plat and relocation order as part of the south segment Business 51 reconstruction project.

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

Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Lang, Buse, Morrow.
Nays: Shuda. Motion carried.

13. Consideration of Claim: Intellirent, LLC: Flooding related to construction activities.

Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick spoke about the City being indemnified by the contractor. Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick further explained that if Common Council were to take action and liability was not clearly established in a court of law, it would be more difficult to receive payment from the contractor.

Jason Glisczynski, 2985 Maple Ridge Road, discussed the flooding that occurred as well as cited case law.

Attorney Beveridge spoke about the need for facts to support whether negligence occurred, which would include duty of care and a breach of that duty, and he has not seen either of the facts supported by the documents. Attorney Beveridge supported Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick's point on the indemnity provisions and further explained that the City has asked the reinsurance company to provide a recommendation, and they have recommended denial.

Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Christianson seconded, to deny the claim.

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

14. Consideration of Claim: JADA, LLC: Sewer backup and flooding due to construction activities.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Buse seconded, to deny the claim.

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

- 15. 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. Discussion relating to the relocation of City Hall.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Shuda seconded, to enter into closed session at 7:31 p.m.

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

16. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.