CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Community Room
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI

June 16, 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 Pagel, C/T Ladick, Executive Assistant Dowling, Director Kivela, Chief Kussow, Director Lemke, Attorney Beveridge, Director Kremer, H/R Manager Frasch, Neighborhood Planner/Economic Development Specialist Klesmith.

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.

Ron MacDonald, 1909 Main Street, spoke about a concern regarding trees being trimmed and brush being left by individuals that identified themselves as Spectrum.

Mayor Wiza spoke about cable companies having a prescriptive easement, thus allowing the trimming without permits. The Mayor will be in contact with Mr. MacDonald to further discuss.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

5. Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of May 19, 2025 and Special Common Council Meeting of June 6, 2025.

b. Actions of the Park Commission meeting of June 4, 2025:
3. Approval of master plan concept A and concept B for Zenoff Park.
4. UWSP Athletics requests permission to sell alcohol inside Community Stadium and the KB Willett Arena for Pointer home football and hockey games.
6. Naming of parcel #'s 281240832403401, 281240832403305, and 281240832403308 (approximately 1.2 acres) to Leary Park in honor of Herb and Theresa Leary, as requested by the Friends of 2713 and John Kedrowski.
7. Recreation Division presentation by Recreation Superintendent, Anne Hylla.
8. Directors Report.

c. Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of June 2, 2025:
2. Report of the May 5, 2025 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
3. Report of the May 14, 2025 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
5. A request from the City of Stevens Point to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with Stevens Point 5609 Carrie Frost WI, LLC on the property located at 5609 Carrie Frost Drive (Parcel ID 281230801300005).
8. Director's Report.

d. Actions of the Transportation Commission of June 9, 2025:
2. Approval of April 14, 2025 minutes.
3. Approval April and May 2025 Financial/Claims Report.
4. Nomination and Election of Transportation Commission Chairperson.
5. Nomination and Election of Transportation Commission Vice-Chairperson.
7. Approval to provide lifelong bus passes to employees retiring with a minimum of 20 years of service.

e. Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of June 9, 2025:
2. Request for Merit Pay consistent with Administrative Policy 2.13 "Pay for Performance."
3. Request to approve proposed Audiogram service agreement with Advanced Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine.
4. Request to approve proposed FSA, HSA, COBRA service agreements with Associated Bank.

f. Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of June 9, 2025:
3. Approval of the request from William Schierl and Schutte Movers to move the house to 1656 Main Street is required.

g. Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of June 9, 2025:
2. License List.
3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.

h. Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of June 9, 2025:
2. Authorization to Apply for WEDC Brownfield Grant Program for Centerpoint Apartments Affordable Housing Project.
3. Approval of Planning and Guidelines for Capital Projects, Debt Capacity, Overall Financial Planning, and Tax Levy Impacts. (Follow-up from last month's presentation).
4. Approval of Claims Paid.

i. Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

Ald. Guthrie requested that item d7, approval to provide lifelong bus passes to employees retiring with a minimum of 20 years of service, be pulled for further consideration.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to approve the consent agenda except for item d7.

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

Ald. Guthrie spoke against item d7 due to it being inequitable and the preference to provide universal services across all departments.

Ald. Christianson requested a point of clarification and asked if this would only be for Transit employees.

Mayor Wiza answered yes.

Director Lemke spoke about his support for providing free bus rides to all twenty-year retirees of the city. Director Lemke also spoke about the logistics of implementing the lifelong bus pass and requested it be upon request.

Ald. Lang questioned if this would be retroactive for those that had already retired with twenty years of service.

Ald. Christianson spoke about the term "upon request" and that they preferred that addition.

Ald. Morrow questioned if enough prior discussion had occurred to finalize the details of the vote.

Mayor Wiza made a request to postpone for further discussion to allow staff time to review the request.

Ald. Guthrie moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to extend item d7 to include all city retirees with 20 years of service upon request.

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

6. Dedicating three existing city-owned properties containing the train display (parcels #281240832403401, 281240832403305, and 281240832403308) to City Park as requested by the Friends of 2713 and John Kedrowski.

Director Kremer gave a brief overview surrounding the train display, discussed the recommendations that included renaming the parcels to Leary Park, as well as the process proceeding forward.

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

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

7. Ordinance Amendment - A request from the City of Stevens Point to amend the Official Street Map of the City of Stevens Point. Said request identifies Lilac Court as an existing street on the property located at 1900 Lilac Lane (Parcel ID 281240820140101).

Ald. Morrow spoke about Lilac Court being within district eleven and the needed amendment.

Ald. Morrow 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.

8. A request from the City of Stevens Point to adopt a Public Participation Plan and Resolution to update the City of Stevens Point Comprehensive Plan.

Ald. Kneebone commended the staff for a clear and concise participation plan.

Ald. Lang spoke about how big of a project this is and the need for citizens to participate.

Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Kneebone 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. Consideration and possible action on the 2024 Compliance Maintenance Report.

Director Lemke gave a brief overview of the Compliance Maintenance Report.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Christianson seconded, to place on file.

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

10. Approval of an agreement with AECOM to prepare a Traffic Signal Improvement Implementation Plan for an amount of $27,150.

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

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

11. Ordinance Amendments - Approval of the amendments in Chapter 9, Section 9.05 relating to parking.

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Shuda 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. Resolution to Support the Continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

North Central Conservancy Trust Executive Director Chris Radford spoke in favor of the resolution and discussed the importance of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. Mr. Radford highlighted key areas of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship funds that support conservation initiatives, land trusts, playgrounds, camping areas, fishing piers, invasive species control, Ice Age Trail, Green Circle Trail, fisheries, and habitat improvement projects. Mr Radford spoke about the North Central Conservancy Trust as being a part of a statewide coalition that supports this funding and due to a stall on an assembly bill, the funding is at risk of lapsing.

Ald. Morrow spoke about how this program provided funding for the weed harvester for McDill Pond and and the impact within our community.

Mayor Wiza spoke about the importance of funding and requested that citizens reach out to state legislature and urge them to fund this program.

Ald. Guthrie moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to approve the resolution.

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

13. Consideration of and possible action on a Development Agreement with Door2Dreams, Inc. for a project to be located on a portion of Parcels 281240829240033 and 281240829240047.

Mark Petersen, 2316 Falcons Cove, spoke in favor of the Development Agreement due to an inadequate amount of housing for the Intellectually and Developmentally Delayed (IDD) population. Mr. Petersen spoke about housing being a first step in a strong foundation for building life skills which can reduce cost over time for this population while also building autonomy.

Community Foundation Chief Executive Officer Jenny Riggenbach, 3301 Glacier Drive, spoke about Door2Dreams launching a fund with them as it is a viable resident-led project and the connection of donor Judge Flugaur and his wife Sharon's legacy within the IDD population.

Ald. Broderick spoke about the thoughtfulness of the design and expressed excitement about the project.

Ald. Christianson spoke about the hard work and perseverance that it took to advance the project forward and commended Neighborhood Planner/Economic Development Specialist Chris Klesmith.

Ald. Broderick moved, Ald. Guthrie seconded, to approve the development agreement.

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

14. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 7:54 p.m.