

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

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

**April 20, 2026
7:00 PM**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

1. Roll Call.

Present:

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

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.

Aldersperson District Two, Jacqui Guthrie, spoke about appointments to the Police and Fire Commission.

Fire Chief Moody spoke about a Fire OPS 101 class that has a few available seats.

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, spoke about appointments and ordinance amendments to committees and commissions.

5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council:

a. Dave Barbier, UWSP Sustainability Director and Michelle Gullikson - UWSP Climate Action and Resilience Plan.

Michelle Gullikson spoke about their UWSP Climate Action and Resilience Plan, projects that are currently being worked on, and requested feedback on their drafts of the appendices.

b. Jane Johnson and Danny Mercer, Partnering Together of Portage County - Operations of a Temporary Housing Facility.

Jane Johnson spoke about the mission of Partnering Together of Portage County, the current partners, goals of the organization, and the first steps of the day and night services offered. Danny Mercer spoke about the Stevens Point Community Outreach their mission and services, experience, hours of operations, and the first year of service.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of March 23, 2026.

b. Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of March 5, 2026:

- 3. Approval of Minutes.**
- 4. Confirmation of Bills.**
- 6. Discussion, with possible action, to approve a conditional offer of employment from the Stevens Point Police Department to Dylan Messacar, Cameron McCarrier, and Hanna Stremkowski.**
- 7. Discussion, with possible action, to approve an eligibility list for a police officer, to expire June 1, 2026.**
- 9. Discussion, with possible action, to move forward with the employment of new Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic candidate Kyle Krause.**
- 10. Discussion, with possible action, to accept a \$2,500 donation from Midwest Restoration for equipment on Engine #3.**
- 11. Discussion, with possible action, to extend Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Channing Parkman's probation by six months.**

Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of April 7, 2026:

- 3. Approval of Minutes.**
- 4. Confirmation of Bills.**
- 6. Discussion, with possible action, to approve Officer Malerie Gaylord from probation status to permanent status with completion of the 18-month probationary period, effective April 14, 2026.**
- 11. Discussion, with possible action, to accept a \$123.58 donation from Taco Johns in Stevens Point for mass casualty equipment.**
- 12. Discussion, with possible action, to accept a \$425.00 donation from Feltz Lumber for a training prop.**
- 13. Discussion, with possible action, to approve Probationary Assistant Chief of EMS Anthony Luchini to the position of Assistant Chief of EMS, effective May 3, 2026.**
- 14. Discussion, with possible action, to move forward with the acquisition of property located at 809 Division Street (the former UW Credit Union branch) for the Stevens Point Fire Department.**

c. Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of April 6, 2026:

- 2. Report of the March 2, 2026 meeting of the City Plan Commission.**
- 10. January-February 2026 Monthly Reports.**
- 11. Director's Report.**

d. Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of April 13, 2026:

- 2. Approval of minutes.**
- 3. Approval of department claims.**
- 5. Approval to purchase "Mr. Manhole" equipment.**
- 8. MS4 Report.**

e. Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of April 13, 2026:

- 2. Approval of minutes.**
- 3. Approval of department claims.**
- 4. Updated rates memo.**

f. Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of April 13, 2026:

2. **Amendment to Administrative Policy 2.08 — Compensatory Time and Overtime Pay.**
 3. **Amendment to Administrative Policy 3.01 - Standard Benefits.**
 4. **Request for overlap - Fleet Maintenance Mechanic.**
- g. Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of April 13, 2026:**
2. **Consideration of the request for a one-day ATV/UTV use on portions of North Reserve Street, DuBay Drive, and Second Street North for a special event.**
 10. **To enter into a State/Municipal Financial Agreement with WisDOT for pavement resurfacing of a portion of Connecting Highway 66.**
 11. **Consideration of a proposal from Canadian National for safety improvements regarding the 2007 alteration of the Patch Street Railroad Crossing.**
- h. Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of April 13, 2026:**
2. **License List.**
 3. **Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.**
- i. Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of April 13, 2026:**
2. **Approval of a request from the Stevens Point Area Public School District to add an informational insert into the annual property tax bill mailing.**
 3. **Approval of a contract for engineering services related to the McDill Dam.**
 4. **Approval of funding for doors at the Portage County library downtown location.**
 5. **Approval of a lease extension with the Boys and Girls Club for a portion of the building at 933 Michigan Ave.**
 6. **Approval of a contract and funding for 10% Rail Engineering Services with Via Rail – East Park Commerce Center.**
 7. **Approval of a Farming and Harvesting Agreement with Blue Top Farms Inc, Peter Zakrezewski.**
 8. **Approval of an amendment to a Master Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services to include a Task Order relating to 1039 Ellis Street Site Investigation.**
 11. **Approval of Claims Paid.**
- j. Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.**
- k. Mayoral Appointments:**
- **Board of Review - Reappoint Larry Sipiorski for a 5-year term expiring April 30, 2031.**

Ald. Keymer requested two corrections be made to the minutes. The first request is to correct the minutes of the Board of Public Works to include the listing of the names that voted no with a split vote, as well as a correction to the Finance committee minutes to include Ald. Keymer's recommendation to have access control on item four.

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

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

7. **Presentation by Somerville Architects and Action to Authorize Issuance of a Request for Proposals for a New City Hall Facility at 1039 Ellis Street**

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, spoke against the authorization.

Elizabeth Trzebiatowski, 3262 Sunflower Road, spoke against the authorization.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Avenue, spoke against the authorization.

DeeAnn Donahue, 3395 Howard Avenue, spoke against the authorization.

Justin Marquis gave a presentation by Somerville Architects.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Public Hearing - 2025 Street Improvement Project #25-101 - Special Assessments for the installation of storm sewer laterals, water service, and sanitary laterals.

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

Judy McDermott spoke regarding property 618 Washington Avenue, the assessment process, and charges.

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

9. Final Resolution - 2025 Street Improvement Project #25-101 - Special Assessments for the installation of storm sewer laterals, water services, and sanitary laterals,

Director Lemke gave a brief overview of the history of projects and the assessment of needs.

C/T Ladick spoke about the timeline of payment starting from 30 days from which the notice of invoice is sent out with the option to finance it over five years or ten years.

Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Lang 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.

10. Approval to sell the property located at 281 Washington Avenue (Parcel ID 281240830401306) for the purpose of constructing a residential dwelling.

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, spoke against the sale of the property.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. Approval to purchase the property located at 809 Division Street (Parcel ID 281240829401316).

Director Kivela gave a brief update on the negotiations surrounding the property.

Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the purchase.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Revised right of way plat and relocation order for the north segment of Business 51/Division Street from Franklin Street to North Point.

Director Beduhn gave a brief overview of the revisions.

Ald. Guthrie moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the revision.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Ordinance Amendment - A request from the City of Stevens Point to amend Chapter 23, Zoning Ordinance, of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point. Said request amends Section 23.02(4)(c) pertaining to general standards and land use regulations within the "A-H" Airport Height Overlay District.

Director Kivela gave a brief overview of the amendment.

Ald. Guthrie moved, Ald. Steinmetz seconded, to approve the amendment.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Resolution - A request from Mike Helmrick, representing the City of Stevens Point, for a preliminary subdivision plat review on an unaddressed parcel bounded by Maria Drive & Union Street North (Parcel ID 281240829240047) and an unaddressed parcel bounded by Maria Drive (Parcel ID 281240829240033), consistent with Ch. 20.05(1).

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Avenue, spoke against the resolution.

Raymond Cal, 1233 Maria Drive, spoke against the resolution and requested a postponement.

Stephen Klein, 301 Union Street, spoke against the resolution.

Director Kivela clarified that, if the resolution is approved by the Common Council, the Department of Natural Resources will review the plat, host a public hearing and will have final authority to determine

whether it may proceed forward.

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

Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Shuda
Lang, Buse.

Nays: Kneebone, Morrow. Motion carried.

15. Resolution - A request from Partnering Together of Portage County to rezone portions of the property located at 2854 Church Street (Parcel ID 281230805101608) from the "R-2" Single-Family Residence District to the "B-4" Commercial District.

President of the Board of One Big Tent, Cyndi Royer, 3609 Lorraine Street, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Kathy Lane-Browne representing Eradicating Systemic Poverty, 1956 Plover Street, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Buse 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.

16. Resolution - A request from Partnering Together of Portage County for a conditional use permit to operate a temporary housing facility on the property located at 2854 Church Street (Parcel ID 281230805101608), consistent with Ch. 23.02(1)(f)(3)(f).

Tim Budelier, 1109 Lindbergh Avenue, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Jane Johnson, 615 Sommers Street, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Ald. Guthrie moved, Ald. Broderick seconded, to amend the resolution by striking item 5 and amending item 6 to state 18 months.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

Ald. Buse moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve the resolution as amended.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

17. Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 9, Section 9.19 to create ATV/UTV Routes.

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, spoke in favor of the amendment.

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

Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer,

Guthrie, Christianson.
Nays: Kneebone. Motion carried.

18. Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 16, Section 16.15 to create a Right-of-Way, Boulevards, and Swales Section to accommodate the increasing number of plantings within the right-of-way. 16.15(2)(a)(1) Ordinance language reflects post Board of Public Works revisions regarding planting height.

Mayor Wiza explained the changes made to the ordinance amendment from what was approved by the Board of Public Works.

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, spoke against the amendment.

Elizabeth Trzebiatowski, 3262 Sunflower Road, spoke against the amendment.

Mary McComb, 2100 Elk Street, spoke against the amendment.

Bryant Scharenbroch, 2619 County Road J North, spoke against the amendment.

Nathan Sandwick, 633 Portage Street, spoke against the amendment.

Director Beduhn spoke about taking the time to refine the ordinance.

Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to send the amendment back to staff for review, incorporating the standard of vision triangles, and blocking the signage being a priority.

Call for the vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

19. Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 7, Section 7.06 regarding the Collection of Garbage and Recyclables to comply with recent revisions to State rules.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. To award the 2026 Street Improvements - Michigan Underpass Project #26-101 to Switlick & Sons, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,647,627.18.

Ald. Birr moved, Ald. Keymer 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.

21. To award the 2026 Resurfacing - Hoover Road Project #26-103 to American Asphalt of Wisconsin for an amount not to exceed \$792,706.50.

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

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

22. To award the 2026 Pavement Maintenance Project #26-104 to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$169,030.01

Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Christianson 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.

23. To award the construction-related services for the North Segment of the Business 51 Project to MSA for \$1,007,319.00.

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

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

24. Approval of amendments to the Fee Schedule for the Community Development Department.

Andrea Olson, 410 Franklin Street, spoke against the approval.

Ald. Guthrie moved, Ald. Steinmetz seconded, to approve the amendment.

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

25. Disallowance of Claim-Brittney Thiel-Flooding due to construction activities.

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

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

26. Recognition and parting comments from outgoing Alderpersons Broderick, Steinmetz, and Buse.

Mayor Wiza presented a plaque to Ald. Broderick, Ald. Steinmetz, Ald. Buse and highlighted their

public service.

Ald. Broderick, Ald. Steinmetz and Ald. Buse gave parting speeches.

27. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m.