

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

Zoom Teleconferencing

**December 21, 2020
7:00 PM**

Minutes

1. Roll Call.

Mayor Wiza, Presiding

PRESENT Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.

OTHERS PRESENT Clerk Yenter, Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, Chief Finn, Interim Chief Zenner, Dir. Lemke, Dir. Kernosky, Dir. Kremer, Dir. Beduhn, H/R Manager Jakusz, Brandi Makuski – Metro Wire, Alan Hovorka - Stevens Point Journal, Taylor Hale - Portage County Gazette.

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.

5. Presentation to the Council: Colin Hanson - "A Walk in Their Shoes".

Colin Hanson, Director of A Walk in Their Shoes, said his goal is to give back to the Stevens Point Community. He said he has five programs scheduled for 2021, and would like to take the talks to the local schools. Mr. Hanson said he does all of the scheduling, booking of flights, etc. and the talks are free. He is seeking help with getting these talks at the local schools.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of November 16, 2020, and the Special Common Council Meeting of December 14, 2020.

Minutes and Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of November 3, 2020:

10. Confirmation of Bills.

Minutes and Actions of the Park Commission meeting of December 2, 2020:

- 4. Approval of John S. Groholski Park master plan.**
- 5. Approval of color selection for Goerke Park Tennis Court resurfacing.**
- 7. Approval of reclassification and title change for Park Maintenance Supervisor, City Forester and Facilities Supervisor I positions.**

Minutes and Actions of the Special Park Commission meeting of December 7, 2020:

- 4. Approval of Bukolt Park playground location.**

Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of December 7, 2020:

- 10. A request from Lineage Logistics for a Site Plan Review to construct a processing plant, freezer, office and loading dock addition to an existing cold-storage facility at 5700 E M Copps Drive.**
- 11. A request from the City of Stevens Point and Lineage Logistics for the dedication of a Sanitary Sewer easement adjacent to the E M Copps Drive Right of Way (Parcel ID 281230801120003).**
- 12. October and November 2020 Monthly Reports.**

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of December 14, 2020:

- 2. Approval of the November 9, 2020 minutes.**
- 3. Approval of Department Claims.**
- 9. Proposed amendment to Chapter 13 of the RMC requiring the installation of plumbing for test ports for meters larger than 2" on new construction.**

Minutes and Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of December 14, 2020:

- 2. Approval of November 9, 2020 minutes.**
- 3. Approval of Department Claims.**
- 4. Airport fence construction-Project update and recommendation.**

Minutes and Actions of the Transportation Commission of December 14, 2020:

- 2. Approval of the November 9, 2020 Transportation Commission meeting minutes.**
- 3. Approval of the November 2020 financial/claims report.**
- 4. Consideration for a partial refund to Whiting and Crossroad Commons due to Cares Act funding in CY2020.**

Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of December 14, 2020:

- 2. Reclassification of Park, Recreation and Forestry positions: Park Maintenance Supervisor, City Forester, and Facilities Supervisor.**

Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of December 14, 2020:

- 4. Approval to negotiate a contract with Rettler Corporation for professional services related to the Plover River Crossing Trail Project.**

Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of December 14, 2020:

- 2. License List.**

Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of December 14, 2020:

- 4. Approve funding for initial design engineering and geotechnical work related to the Plover River Crossing project.**
- 11. Approval of transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.**
- 12. Approve the write-off of uncollectible personal property taxes and accounts receivable.**
- 13. Approval of Claims Paid.**

Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.

Mayoral Appointments - Smongeski Health Fund Committee: Lawrence Sowka to the unexpired term of Bill Zimdars (expires 09/01/2021) and Tourism Commission: Tom Schrader to the unexpired term of Jim Oliva (expires 04/30/2021).

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

7. Resolution - Hmong New Year 2020.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Zarazua seconded, to approve the resolution in support of the Hmong New Year 2020.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

8. Resolution - World Migratory Bird Day.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Leek seconded, to approve the resolution for World Migratory Bird Day.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

9. Request for approval of overlap hiring with regards to Assistant to the Mayor retirement.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the hire for the assistant to the Mayor.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

10. Request for reconsideration on Council action from November 16, 2020 regarding Edgewater Manor.

Ald. Fishler **moved**, Ald. Dalton seconded, to reconsider Council's action from November 16, 2020 regarding Edgewater Manor.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
Kneebone, Leek. Motion failed.

11. Resolution - A request from Mark Erwin for a conditional use permit to construct multiple storage buildings consistent with Ch. 23.01(13)(f) and 23.02(4)(e)(3.4)(1) at 5017 Heffron Street (Parcel ID 281230802230112).

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the resolution for a request from Mark Erwin for a conditional use permit to construct multiple storage buildings consistent with chapter 23.01(13)(f) and 23.02(4)(e)(3.4)(1) at 5017 Heffron Street.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

12. Resolution - A request from Jeff Disher, representing Disher Properties LLC, to rezone the property at 4912 County Road HH (Parcel ID 281230803400213) from "B-1" Neighborhood Business to "B-4" Commercial.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the resolution.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

13. Resolution - A request from Jeff Disher, representing Disher Properties LLC, for a conditional use permit to construct an office addition consistent with Ch. 23.01(13)(f) and Ch. 23.02(2)(d)(3)(i) at 4912 County Road HH (Parcel ID 281230803400213).

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the resolution for a request from Jeff Disher, representing Disher Properties LLC for a conditional use permit to construct an office addition consistent with chapter 23.01(13)(f) and chapter 23.02(2)(d)(3)(i) at 4912 County Road HH.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

14. Resolution - A request from William Yudchitz for a conditional use permit to construct a storage facility consistent with Ch. 23.01(13)(f) at 1309 Dubai Avenue (Parcel ID 281240820200009).

William Yudchitz, 1301 Dubai Avenue, asked if number two on the resolution requiring fire protection on the property also applied to his residential property.

Dir. Kernosky said City Staff and the Fire Department feels that with the number of buildings already at 1309 Dubai Avenue, this should be the last building development on that property until proper fire suppression is provided.

Mr. Yudchitz said in regards to number five on the resolution, a driveway was put in when he purchased the property. He does not understand how staff can require a right-of-way permit when the driveway has been there for 30 years.

Dir. Kernosky said there is one point of access off of Dubai Avenue.

Mr. Yudchitz said there are two points of access.

Attorney Beveridge explained the right-of-way permit. If a second access point needs to be built then a permit is required. The permit is not required if there are already two points of access and no work is going to be done to the driveways.

Mr. Yudchitz said Inspector Christianson told him he could pay \$350 to get an early start permit. He paid the money and poured the concrete. A day and a half later Associate Planner Kuhn said he needed to stop building and would need to pay double the price of the building permits because he started work without a permit.

Mayor Wiza said that is a separate issue and he will discuss it internally. He told Mr. Yudchitz that he can go through the appeal process if he feels he does not get resolution after it is discussed.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the resolution for a request from William Yudchitz for a conditional use permit to construct a storage facility consistent with chapter 23.01(13)(f) at 1309 Dubai Avenue.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

15. Resolution - A request from Holy Spirit Parish for a sign variance to construct a second freestanding sign at 838 Fremont Street (Parcel ID 281240828300801).

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the resolution for the sign request for Holy Spirit Parish.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

16. Ordinance Amendment - Section 13.04 (5) as it relates to Service Connections.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

17. Final Resolution - For special assessments for sidewalk installations on Walter Street in the Road Resurfacing Project #20-01.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the final resolution for special assessments for sidewalk installations on Walter Street in the road resurfacing project 20-01.

Joanne Powell, 5501 Walter Street, said some of the trees died because of the soils. Trees, stop signs, and mailboxes are covered in over spray from the hydro-seeding. Grass was planted late so it may get damaged during the winter. She asked about the sidewalk payment being deferred a year due to hardships on residents and late notification. Ms. Powell also asked about the increase on taxes.

Mayor Wiza said he will work with the City Forester and Streets crew to make sure in spring the grass and trees are taken care of.

Comptroller Treasurer Ladick explained the billing process for special assessments.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

18. Final Resolution - Special Assessments for sidewalk installations in the Street Improvements Project #20-02.

Ald. Leek **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the final resolution for special assessments for sidewalk installations in the street improvements project number 20-02.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

19. Ordinance Amendment - in Section 9.05 as it relates to parking.

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Fishler seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment as it relates to section 9.05 as it relates to parking.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

20. Request from the City of Stevens Point to purchase 17.35 acres in the East Park Commerce Center (Parcel ID 281230801120001).

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Leek seconded, to approve the request from the City of Stevens Point to purchase 17.35 acres in the East Park Commerce Center.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

21. Request from the City of Stevens Point to sell 15.6 acres of land in the East Park Commerce Center (Parcel ID 281230801120001).

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the request from the City of Stevens Point to sell 15.6 acres of land in the East Park Commerce Center.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

22. Resolution - Amendment to the 2020 Budget.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the amendments to the budget.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
Kneebone, Leek, Dalton, Fishler, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

23. To award the McDill Dam Monitoring and Control System Project #20-14 to Van Ert Electric in the amount not to exceed \$109,017.70.

Ald. Fishler **moved**, Ald. Leek seconded, to approve the dam monitoring and control project to Van Ert Electric in the amount not to exceed \$109,017.70.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Fishler, Dalton, Leek, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson,
Zarazua, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

24. 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 properties and easements near Ben's Lane.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve to go into closed session.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Zarazua, Johnson, Slowinski,
 Kneebone, Leek, Fishler, Morrow.
 Nays: Dalton. Motion adopted.

25. Adjournment.

Adjourned in closed session at 9:03 p.m.