

**City of Stevens Point
SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL**

**Lincoln Center
1519 Water Street**

**August 12, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Andrew Halverson, Presiding

Roll Call: Ald. Doxtator, Suomi, O'Meara, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Patton, R. Stroik, Phillips and Moore.

Excused: Ald. Wiza

Also

Present: C/T Ladick; City Attorney Beveridge; Directors Lemke, McGinty, Ostrowski, Schatschneider and Schrader; Fire Chief Kujawa; Asst. Chief Skibba; Asst. to the Mayor Pazdernik; Tricia Church; Gene Kemmeter; Chris Jones; Brandi Makuski; Randy Roosa; Jeff Tewes; Larry Lee; Bob Fisch; Carrie Freeberg, Deputy C/T; Sarah Wallace; Kari Yenter; Rob Konkol.

2. Consideration and possible action on the actions taken at the City Plan Commission meeting of August 5, 2013.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Patton seconded, to approve the actions taken at the City Plan Commission meeting of August 5, 2013.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, R. Stroik, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, O'Meara, Suomi, Doxtator
Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action on Agreement Between Portage County and the City of Stevens Point to Deed Land for Municipal Road Purposes.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the Agreement Between Portage County and the City of Stevens Point to Deed Land for Municipal Road Purposes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Suomi, O'Meara, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Patton, R. Stroik, Phillips, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Consideration and possible action on a Resolution -- Naming a Street -- E. M. Copps Drive.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, Ald. R. Stroik seconded, to approve the Resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Phillips, R. Stroik, Patton, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, O'Meara, Suomi, Doxtator
Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Consideration and possible action on the actions taken at the Special Public Protection Committee meeting of August 6, 2013.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Suomi seconded, to approve the actions taken at the Special Public Protection Committee meeting of August 6, 2013.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Establishing Expectations/Goals for the Portage County Business Council relating to Economic Development.

Mayor Halverson explained to the Council that an ad hoc committee was created by the Portage County Business Council for concerns related to goals and expectations and their role in economic development. He expressed his concern relating to what is expected of the Portage County Business Council from the City's monetary standpoint in the organization.

Ald. O'Meara said he would like for the City to establish a plan for the Portage County Business Council such as maintaining an economic development packet for individuals or businesses contemplating moving into the City such as banking contacts, schools, and transportation facilities. He also requested that packet be updated periodically and readily available. Ald. O'Meara also stated he would like the Portage County Business Council to promote education on economic development for new entrepreneurs with an example being how to finance business expansions.

Ald. R. Stroik said he would like to see a monthly report that is not focused on Portage County so the City Council understands the Portage County Business Council is looking at the economic benefits Stevens Point has to offer. He also stated this would give better accountability.

Mayor Halverson said in the past, he has seen reports relating to membership, functions and education and unfortunately, a small amount of attention to economic development. He also said, however, it has improved.

Ald. R. Stroik stated that he did not think the Council could give them specific actions, but a simple report indicating what the Portage County Business Council is doing which shows they are earning the contributions provided to them by the City.

Mayor Halverson said he would like to see the Business Council seek out more economic development opportunities by reaching out to major employers in regard to locating their businesses in the City.

Ald. O'Meara summarized the Council would be interested in reporting, educating and promoting. He said he would like to see a work plan on how they intend to improve in those categories.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said he agrees with the objectives stated.

Mayor Halverson reiterated the need to give broad objectives to the Portage County Business Council given the monetary amount the City contributes.

Ald. O'Meara said to ask someone to come up with a work plan and report back to the Council is completely reasonable.

Mayor Halverson agreed.

Ald. Suomi said she would like to see this process begin with the new budget year and also stated that it should be evaluated at the end of the budget year to determine if the City is getting its money's worth.

Ald. O'Meara stated the Portage County Business Council should come before Council during budget deliberations.

Mayor Halverson said he will report back to the Portage County Business Council with the issues brought forth.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.