

**City of Stevens Point
SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL**

**Lincoln Center
1519 Water Street**

**August 6, 2013
6:03 P.M.**

Roll Call: Alderpersons Doxtator, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Trzebiatowski, Patton, R. Stroik

Excused: Alderpersons Suomi, Phillips and Moore

Absent: Alderperson O'Meara

Also

Present: Mayor Halverson; City Attorney Beveridge; C/T Ladick; Director Ostrowski; Chief Ruder; Asst. Chief Skibba; Asst. Chief Zenner; Plover Police Chief Wierzba; Plover Administrator Mahoney; Plover Treasurer Debbie Sniadajewski; Village President Dan Schlutter; Dave Schleis; Gene Kemmeter – Gazette; Chris Jones and Brian Kowalski – Journal; Brandi Makuski – City Times

After taking roll call, Mayor Halverson announced that a quorum was not present.

2. Presentation and discussion on the possibility of a Municipal Court.

Mayor Halverson welcomed the officials from Plover that were present at the meeting. He then introduced Ron Ledford, District Court Administrator, who will be providing an overall presentation on municipal courts. The Mayor noted that the City is considering the option of a joint municipal court with Plover.

Ald. Wiza called for a point of order. He stated there was an official notice of the Stevens Point Common Council agenda and on that agenda was this presentation. The alderperson said we lack a quorum and cannot legally call the meeting to order. He would like to know on what grounds we are proceeding with the agenda.

Mayor Halverson replied the meeting can be called to order but we cannot act on any agenda items. He said this agenda item is discussion only so that is the grounds for proceeding with Mr. Ledford's presentation.

Ald. Wiza asked if this is the same opinion of the City Attorney.

City Attorney Beveridge asked for a moment to talk to the Chair about the law regarding this issue.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to recess the Council meeting until such time a quorum is present.

Ald. Wiza called for a point of order. He would like to know how the meeting can be called to order without a quorum.

City Attorney Beveridge said under Robert's Rules, when there is a lack of a quorum there are certain types of actions that are in order. He said one of the actions can be a motion to recess in order to take action to try to form a quorum. The attorney stated absent Council members can be contacted to take measures to have them attend the meeting. He noted that no action can be taken in the absence of a quorum.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

The Special Council meeting was recessed at 6:18 p.m.

During the recess, Ron Ledford, District Court Administrator of the Wisconsin Court Systems, gave an informal presentation on municipal courts.

Mayor Halverson announced there is still a lack of a quorum and the recess effort to form a quorum has been unsuccessful.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to adjourn.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

- 3. Consideration and possible action on the actions taken at the City Plan Commission meeting of August 5, 2013.**
- 4. Consideration and possible action on a Resolution -- Naming a Street -- E. M. Copps Drive.**
- 5. Consideration and possible action on the actions taken at the Special Public Protection Committee meeting of August 6, 2013.**
- 6. Establishing Expectations/Goals for the Portage County Business Council relating to Economic Development.**
- 7. Adjournment.**

Adjournment at 7:08 p.m.