

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**Police Department
933 Michigan Avenue**

**April 17, 2018
5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Mike Wiza, Presiding

PRESENT: Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Oberstadt, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, Phillips, Morrow.

EXCUSED: Ald. Nebel, Johnson, McComb.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Clerk Moe, C/T Ladick, Deputy C/T Freeberg, Pete Arntsen, Gene Kemmeter – Gazette, Brandi Makuski – Metro Wire.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

2. Mayoral appointments to various Boards and Commissions.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD	APPOINTEE	APPOINTEE'S ADDRESS	TERM	EXPIRES
Affirmative Action/Fair Housing	Ald. Heidi Oberstadt	456 Wadleigh Street	2 years	04/30/2019
Board of Appeals	Lynn Schulist	408 Glennon Avenue	3 years	04/30/2021
Board of Appeals	John Gardner	1308 Wisconsin Street	3 years	04/30/2021
Board of Appeals	Robert Brush	3243 Yvonne Drive	3 years	04/30/2021
EMS Oversight Board	Ald. Mary Kneebone	5718 Sandpiper Drive	2 years	04/20/2020
EMS Oversight Board	Ald. Shaun Morrow	2509 Falcons Cove	2 years	04/20/2020
Historical Preservation/Design Review Commission	Sarah Scripps	2624 Blaine Street	3 years	04/30/2021
Historical Preservation/Design Review Commission – Alt. 1	Joseph DeBauche	1424 Clark Street	3 years	04/30/2021
Historical Preservation/Design Review Commission – Alt. 2	Robert Woehr	727 Second Street	3 years	04/30/2021
Library Board Liaison	Ald. Cathy Dugan	615 Sommers Street	1 year	04/15/2019
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Jason Draheim	1515 Strongs Avenue	2 years	04/30/2020
Municipal Court Oversight Committee	Mayor Wiza	1515 Strongs Avenue	2 years	04/30/2020
Municipal Court Oversight Committee	Ald. Shaun Morrow	2905 Falcons Cove	2 years	04/30/2020
Municipal Court Oversight Committee	Ald. Mary McComb	2100 Elk Street	2 years	04/30/2020
Board of Park Commissioners	Ald. Jeremy Slowinski	4501 Pleasant View Drive	3 years	05/02/2021
Board of Park Commissioners	Ald. Mary McComb	2100 Elk Street	3 years	05/02/2021
Board of Park Commissioners	Kyle Smith	2931 Indiana Avenue	3 years	05/02/2021

Board of Park Commissioners	Wayne Sorenson	1800 Michigan Avenue	3 years	05/02/2021
Board of Park Commissioners	Liz McDonald	1760 Strongs Avenue	3 years	05/02/2021
Plan Commission – Chair	Mayor Wiza	1515 Strongs Avenue	3 years	04/30/2021
Plan Commission	Ald. Mary Kneebone	5718 Sandpiper Drive	3 years	04/30/2021
Plan Commission	Dave Cooper	2125 Oak Street	3 years	04/30/2021
Plan Commission	Matthew Rice	1000 Ridge Road	3 years	04/30/2021
Plan Commission	Pete Arntsen Unexp. Term: Brush	1016 Bukolt Avenue	3 years	04/30/2019
Police and Fire Commission	Joseph Kirschling	2916 Lampman	5 years	04/30/2023
Police and Fire Commission	Ald. Shaun Morrow	2509 Falcons Cove	Ald. Liaison	04/15/2019
Redevelopment Authority	Jerome Segura III	2117 Main Street	5 years	12/31/2021
Board of Review	Garry Curless	3009 Della Street	5 years	04/30/2023
Board of Review – Alt.1	Fred Steffen	1310 Rogers Street	3 years	04/30/2021
Board of Review – Alt. 2	Lynn Schulist	408 Glennon Avneue	3 years	04/30/2021
Solid Waste Management Board	Mayor Mike Wiza	1515 Strongs Avenue	3 years	04/19/2021
Transportation Commission	Fred Hopfensperger	1924 West River Drive	3 years	04/30/2021
Transportation Commission	Nichole Lynse	1825 Gilkay Street	3 years	04/30/2021
Transportation Commission	Ald. David Shorr	2509 Peck Street	1 year	04/15/2019
Transportation Commission	Ald. Mary Kneebone	5718 Sandpiper Drive	1 year	04/15/2019

Mayor Wiza said the appointment to the Parks Commissions is Ald. McComb, not Ald. Oberstadt.

Ald. Jennings asked for the procedure on voting.

Mayor Wiza said Council can only approve or deny his recommendations and there are no amendments.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the appointments with the change.

Ald. Jennings asked if appointing Matthew Rice, as he is a contractor, is a conflict of interest.

Mayor Wiza said in any conflict of interest, Mr. Rice would be expected to excuse himself from the vote.

Attorney Beveridge said he spoke with Mr. Rice and he said he would abstain from votes that deal with people with whom he does business. He said the fact that he works in the development business would not preclude him from voting on things that affect development.

Ald. Dugan asked if there was a conflict with Mr. Arntsen.

Mayor Wiza said the same policy would hold true with him.

Ald. Shorr asked if there were residency requirements for Plan Commission. He asked where Mr. Rice lives.

4. Nominations and election of President of the Council.

Ald. Shorr nominated Ald. Johnson.

Ald. Phillips nominated Ald. Slowinski.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to close nominations.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Wiza stated that ballots would be distributed for Council members to vote for Council President.

Ald. Shorr requested to hold the voting open so one of the candidates could vote.

Mayor Wiza said that would not be possible due to having a scheduled time and agenda. He said with County Board, it is uncertain what time she will be done.

Ald. Jennings asked for the recommendation from the City Attorney if there is a statute that says the Council cannot postpone.

Attorney Beveridge said the meeting could adjourn to a later time.

Ald. Morrow said County Board is holding elections now.

Mayor Wiza said the Council presently has a quorum and they have no idea when or if Ald. Johnson will be able to attend. He said Council needs to do their business.

Ald. Shorr said Council could adjourn and reconvene. He asked if there was a way to table this or come back to it.

Attorney Beveridge said Council could adjourn until a certain time. He said a majority vote would allow them to do that.

Ald. Slowinski asked if Council could move the vote to the end of the agenda.

Ald. Phillips said The Council needs to move on.

Mayor Wiza said the agenda was put out last week Thursday and that neither he nor the City Clerk were contacted by Ald. Johnson asking to wait or change things.

Ald. Jennings said it was an arbitrary time for Council to start.

Mayor Wiza responded that it was not an arbitrary time as he set it so there was a quorum. He said it is not anyone's fault that two Alders cannot make the meeting and one who has another commitment. Mayor Wiza said this is a governing body which

everyone made a commitment too. He asked C/T Ladick and Clerk Moe to count the votes.

Ald. Morrow said the Council could go through the agenda items and then come back to this, giving Ald. Johnson time to arrive.

Mayor Wiza said it would but he and Clerk Moe did not hear anything from Ald. Johnson and we are unsure of what time she will be able to attend. He said if it was important to her to be here for the voting of President of the Council, she would have notified him or the Clerk. Mayor Wiza said one vote is probably not going to make a big difference anyway.

C/T Ladick read off the ballots. After counting of the ballots, Ald. Johnson was elected President of the Common Council with six (6) votes, Ald. Slowinski received two (2) votes.

5. Recess until after the Public Protection Committee, Personnel Committee and Finance Committee meetings.

Mayor Wiza said this is coming about because of the ordinance change earlier this year. He said each Committee will elect their Chair and Vice Chair which will then be subject to Council approval. Mayor Wiza said per state statute, the Board of Public Works will select their Chair and Vice Chair on the first Tuesday in May.

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to post pone recess and have the committees at the same time as Public Works on the first Tuesday of May.

Mayor Wiza cautioned the Council that with timing, they may need a special meeting and the City does not have committee chairs. He would advise against this as there is no good reason to postpone.

Ald. Phillips said there would be a quorum with each committee.

Ald. Oberstadt asked if they could find out if the other Alders would be available May 1st to make sure there would be a quorum.

Mayor Wiza said he is unsure of three members. He asked those present if they would be available on May 1st around the same time.

Ald. Slowinski said Council should just do the meeting now.

Attorney Beveridge said there is a motion within a Council meeting to change the schedule of meeting of subsidiary meetings of a body within it. He said he is unsure if this is in or out of order. He said it would be on more sound footing if the Committee came to order and then moved to adjourn until a later date.

Mayor Wiza said as Chair he is going to declare the **motion out of order**. He said the Council will recess until after the Public Protection Committee, Personnel Committee, and Finance Committee meetings have concluded.

Attorney Beveridge said taking the meeting up at a later date can be voted upon by each body.

Council recessed at 5:54 p.m.

6. Reconvene to consider the actions of the Committees listed above.

Reconvened at 6:07 p.m.

Mayor Wiza said the Public Protection Committee took nominations and unanimously elected Ald. Oberstadt as Chair and Ald. Kneebone as Vice-Chair. He said the Personnel Committee unanimously elected Ald. McComb as Chair and Ald. Jennings as Vice-Chair. Mayor Wiza said at Finance Committee there was a vote, Ald. Phillips received three (3) votes and Ald. Johnson received one (1) vote, making Ald. Phillips the chair. He said the Finance Committee unanimously elected Ald. Slowinski as Vice-Chair.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the actions of the committees.

Ald. Jennings said by Mayor Wiza writing down the recommended chairs is tainting the democratic process. She said the ordinance is clear that the committee selects their chair and should have been left that way. Ald. Jennings thanked Mayor Wiza for switching people around as recommended.

Mayor Wiza said he will continue to make recommendations as he sees fit. He said Council had a process that seemed to work and he is unsure of the reason for the new ordinance. Mayor Wiza said the recommendations are not arbitrary and there is a lot of work that goes into it. He said what would be a ten minute meeting, has now turned into a 40 minute meeting that had legal confusion.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
 Nays: None. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.