

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**Council Chambers  
County-City Building**

**November 19, 2018  
6:30 p.m.**

**Mayor Mike Wiza, Presiding**

**PRESENT:** Ald. Nebel, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.

**EXCUSED:** Ald. Jennings, Shorr.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Clerk Piotrowski, Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, Police Chief Skibba, Dir. Ostrowski, Dir. Lemke, Dir. Schrader, Human Resources Manager Jakusz, Joe Bachman – Portage County Gazette, Taylor Hale Portage County Gazette.

**Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:**

**2. Minutes and Actions Taken at the Special Finance Committee Meeting of October 22, 2018.**

**2. Recommendation of 2019 Levy to Common Council.**

C/T Ladick said this is acknowledging the tax levy recommendation from the Finance Committee and would increase the tax rate about 1%.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the minutes and actions taken at the Special Finance Committee Meeting of October 22, 2018.

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

**3. Public hearing on the General Local Municipal Budget for 2019.**

C/T Ladick said after open enrollment there were changes with employees who were or were not taking Health Insurance. He said the City ended up balancing with those changes. C/T Ladick said there are separate accounts for redevelopment and for City properties. He said in order to remain in compliance with the State, \$10,000 was moved from the General Fund to the Capital Projects fund.

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

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

**4. Resolution Adopting the Budget (Capital and Operating) for the City of Stevens Point for the Year 2019.**

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve Local Municipal Budget with the changes outlined by the comptroller/treasurer.

Ald. Phillips said a 2.5% increase would be more acceptable than a 3.25% increase. He gave examples of how this increase can affect the budget over the next 10 years. Ald. Phillips suggested the City lower their standards on hiring, that they do not need to hire the best and the brightest. He said he disagrees that the City is not paying their employees enough and suggested next year C/T Ladick provides the residents with a total compensation statement on each City employee.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone, Slowinski,  
Johnson, Oberstadt, Nebel.  
Nays: Phillips. Motion adopted.

#### **5. Resolution Appropriating Necessary Funds for the City of Stevens Point for 2019 and Levying the Tax Rate for the Year 2018.**

C/T Ladick said this is to adopt the levy that goes with the budget that was approved.

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the resolution appropriating necessary funds for the City of Stevens Point for 2019 and Levying the Tax Rate for the Year 2018.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Nebel, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone,  
Dugan, McComb, Morrow.  
Nays: Phillips. Motion adopted.

#### **6. Resolution Providing for Writing Special Assessments and Special Charges into the Tax Roll for 2018.**

C/T Ladick said this action allows the Treasurer's Office to place the unpaid Special Assessments and Special Charges on the Tax Roll for 2018.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the resolution providing for writing Special Assessments and Special Charges into the tax roll for 2018.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone,  
Slowinski, Johnson, Oberstadt, Nebel.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

#### **7. Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.