

What Is the Common Council?

The Common Council consists of the elected 11 alderpersons and the mayor. The Council is the legislative branch of city government.

Council sets the policy direction and priorities of the city by establishing ordinances (laws), passing declaratory resolutions, and considering, denying or approving motions at city meetings.

The Council is responsible for setting the city budget, overseeing all city properties and providing services for the health, safety and well-being of the public.

As well, it is responsible for setting tax rates and assessing fees to meet operational and contingency needs of the city. Council also approves for economic development and financing for capital expenditures.

Stevens Point Organizational Chart



City Departments

Airport
Assessor
Clerk
Community Development
Community TV/Radio/Web
Comptroller/Treasurer
Economic Development
Fire/EMS
Forestry
Housing Authority
Parks/Recreation
Personnel
Police
Public Works
Streets
Transit
Water/Sewerage/Stormwater

City of Stevens Point

The Role of Common Council & Alderpersons



Chartered-
May 17, 1858

First City Election-
June 26, 1858

First Council Meeting-
July 1, 1858

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What Is the Role of an Alderperson?

- ⇒ Represent the interests of the district's constituents, as well as those of the entire city.
- ⇒ Set the city's policy direction, considering constituent ideas and city staff expertise, as well as relevant evidence and data from a wide range of sources.
- ⇒ Has policy-making authority only as a voting member of the Common Council.
- ⇒ Serve as a link between district residents and the city in resolving issues, needs and complaints.
- ⇒ Communicate with residents using a wide variety of means.
- ⇒ Attend Common Council, committee and board meetings.
- ⇒ Participate in setting the budget and borrowing to finance capital improvements project.
- ⇒ Submit proposals and initiatives for consideration by the Common Council.
- ⇒ Consider override of mayoral vetoes.
- ⇒ Conduct oneself in a manner appropriate to the office.

Alderpersons

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Cindy Nebel	715-341-1141	-District 3
Mykeerah Zarazua	715-347-6622	-District 4
Meleesa Johnson*	715-343-1624	-District 5
Jeremy Slowinski	715-340-8494	-District 6
Mary Kneebone	715-295-4689	-District 7
Cathy Dugan	715-341-9850	-District 8
Polly Dalton	262-224-6027	-District 9
Mike Phillips	715-341-4255	-District 10
Shaun Morrow	920-277-6328	-District 11

*Denotes president of Common Council

Council website:

stevenspoint.com/council

Alder Districts & Maps

stevenspoint.com/districts

WI Statute 62.11(5)

Powers of the Common Council

“Except as elsewhere in the statutes specifically provided, the council shall have the management and control of the city property, finances, highways, navigable waters, and the public service, and shall have power to act for the government and good order of the city, for its commercial benefit, and for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and may carry out its powers by license, regulation, suppression, borrowing of money, tax levy, appropriation, fine, imprisonment, confiscation, and other necessary or convenient means. The powers hereby conferred shall be in addition to all other grants, and shall be limited only by express language..”

