

## What Is the Common Council?

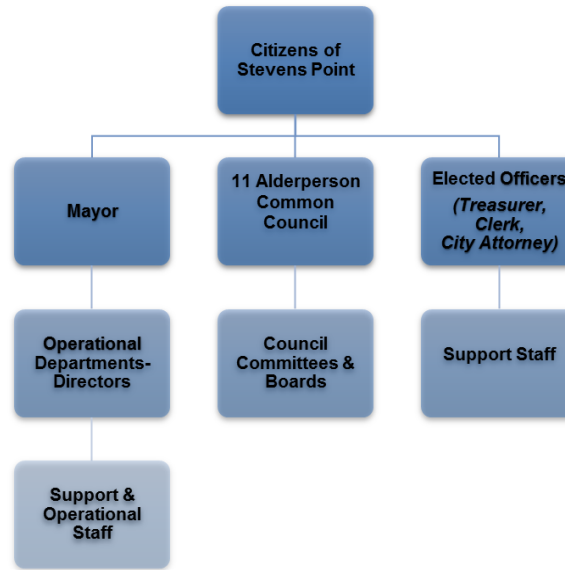
The Common Council consists of the elected 11 alderpersons and the mayor. The Council is the legislative branch of city government.

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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Tori Jennings 715-344-7377	-District 1
David Shorr 715-544-4121	-District 2
Cindy Nebel 715-341-1141	-District 3
Heidi Oberstadt 715-573-5104	-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
Mary McComb 715-570-8836	-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](http://stevenspoint.com/council)

### Alder Districts & Maps

[stevenspoint.com/districts](http://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..”

