

CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 13, 2021 - 3:00 PM
City Conference Room - 1515 Strong's Avenue

1. Roll Call.

PRESENT Clerk Yenter, Attorney Beveridge, Paul Piotrowski, Andrew Halverson, Kate O'Malley

OTHERS

PRESENT Amanda David

2. Review of proposed wards/districts plans for the city.

Clerk Yenter thanked Amanda and Lindsay for all their hard work.

We looking at three districts that have three then. The City Clerk's Office prepared different options of redistricting maps. Redraw A and Plan B were presented to the committee for their review. We have one that keeps it to the least amount of districts with 3 ballot types or less.

Member Halverson said that it looks like you did about as good of a job as you possibly could do. The only thing I can theatrically see; however it is up for discussion but potentially is A. We are only given a few less ballots in each district. If I am reading the data correctly, that appears to be the case and we drop off those two wards that end up having four different ballots.

Amanda David stated proposed redistricting plans and tables were provided to the committee. The unedited is where we started before any of the wards were in compliance. It is just the 2020 census data superimposed over the proposed supervisory districts. Redraw A would be the plan that took us down to only a handful that had three ballot styles most had two or one which is where we want them to be. Plan B involved less shuffling for all the districts involved but as you can see we have several different styles. Which is confusing to poll workers and it confuses voters.

Clerk Yenter noted that the county did adjust the lines slightly for us. They have to stay within their 10% population and so they are very limited in how they can adjust their lines. They are meeting tomorrow to approve their existing plan. They did do the adjusting to help us eliminate a couple of ballot styles.

Member Halverson stated so theatrically from a voter's prospective, the impact of a citizens with Plan B is theatrically closer to what we experience today. However I see it from an administrative prospective and potentially an election integrity prospective we could have some question on how that's going to be administered especially in the clerks office and poll workers. That could be extraordinarily difficult.

Member Piotrowski said it gets very confusing very quickly when working the polls all day.

3. Consideration and possible adoption of wards/districts plan for the city.

Member Halverson said he doesn't know how we would possibly do it better than what is already presented. Given the fact that Redraw A accomplishes a great deal of what we want it to. I think we should be supportive of Redraw A.

Member Halverson moved, Member O'Malley seconded, to adopt Redraw A and submit it to council for their consideration as well as to the county.

Clerk Yenter said 2,300 per district would be ideal so we try to keep it between 2,200 and 2,400 which we were able to do.

Call to vote: ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

4. Adjournment.

Member Halverson moved, Member O'Malley seconded, to adjourn at 3:10 pm.