

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
PUBLIC POLICY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 12, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

**Community Room
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

1. Roll Call.

Present:

Ald. Keymer, Birr, Steinmetz, Lang, Buse.

2. License List:

A. Change of Agent:

1. GPM Southeast LLC, 8565 Magellan Parkway, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23227; Nathan A Eckhardt, 16600 Fiftieth Road, Franksville, WI 53126, agent at R Store #4487, 5485 US Hwy 10 East, Stevens Point, replacing Rhonda A Urlaub.

2. Hilltop Pub and Grill Incorporated, 4901 Main Street, Stevens Point; Kristin Tubbs-Budzinski, 5220 Forest Circle, Stevens Point, WI 54481, agent at Hilltop Pub & Grill, 4901 Main Street, Stevens Point, replacing Michael Mitchell.

B. Class "B" Beer License: Cheese & Cheers Bistro at 4928 Main Street, Suite A, Stevens Point for license period beginning July 1, 2025.

C. "Class B" Beer & Liquor License: Michele's at 513 Division Street, Stevens Point for license period beginning May 20, 2025.

D. Temporary Class "B" Beer License: St. Joseph Parish, 1709 Wyatt Avenue, Stevens Point, St. Joseph Parish Picnic on June 7 and 8, 2025 at 1709 Wyatt Avenue, Stevens Point.

E. Temporary Class "B" Beer & "Class B" Wine License: Portage County Democratic Party, 2220 Division Street, Stevens Point, Democratic Party Picnic on August 24, 2025 at Piffner Building, 425 Franklin Street, Stevens Point.

No concerns from law enforcement.

Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Steinmetz seconded, to approve the license list.

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

3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing:

A. Riverfront Jazz Festival on August 30 and 31, 2025 (Recurring).

Chief Kussow spoke about the Riverfront Jazz Festival and a request for two contractual officers at the event. The organizer is aware of the request and is in contact with the Police Department.

Ald. Birr moved, Ald. Buse seconded, to approve the event.

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

4. Ordinance Amendment - Creation of 8.21 Camping on City Property Prohibited and creation of a portion of subsection 24.27 Exhibit A Schedule of Cash Deposits.

Mayor Wiza gave a brief overview of the concerns that have led to the creation of this ordinance amendment and presented a PowerPoint slide presentation.

Chief Kussow spoke about this not being a law enforcement issue and explained how the Crisis Intervention Officer is in contact daily with the unhoused individuals and has provided resources which some have taken advantage of. Chief Kussow has been fielding complaints from individuals and business owners that have had negative experiences downtown and knows there are deficiencies. He did reach out to area municipalities who have had positive outcomes with their ordinances and explained how he would use the ordinance as a tool to help law enforcement. Built into the ordinance is a deferral process where any citation issued could be eliminated if they prove that they have reached out to a resource that has been provided. Chief Kussow also stressed the need for a 365-day warming shelter for the ordinance to be effective.

Mayor Wiza spoke about the need for a 365-day shelter, funding, staffing, and the idea of personal lockers for outdoor use.

Attorney Beveridge spoke about Municipal Court procedure and how the diversion program can be implemented.

Ald. Buse questioned the language of reasonable effort, if there would be a higher workload due to additional citations, as well as questioned if extra officers would be needed.

Attorney Beveridge spoke about not being concerned with the additional workload.

Chief Kussow spoke about not needing additional staff.

Ald. Steinmetz questioned if there was an estimated cost of staffing the warming shelter as well as feedback from municipalities that have utilized this ordinance.

Mayor Wiza spoke about the estimate of \$150,000 annually.

Chief Kussow spoke about the success of individuals utilizing resources due to implementation of a diversion program.

Mike Beacom, 933 Third Street, spoke in favor of a 365 warming shelter, the nature of this being a complex issue, and discussed his support for downtown business.

County Board Representative for District Ten, Bob Gifford spoke about his background on CAP services, the need for affordable housing, and the need for system solutions.

Samuel Bavido, 1001 Ridge Road, spoke against the ordinance amendment and would like to table the discussion to have more of a solution-driven approach where organizations are more of a part of the discussion.

Mayor Wiza clarified that this is not a new concern. Instead, this has been discussed for years and solutions have been offered.

Operations Manager at the Warming Center Jeremy Mallory, 1311 West River Drive, spoke against the ordinance amendment due to the lack of affordable housing as well as funding needed for a 365-day shelter.

Downtown business owner of DigiCOPY and Mission Coffee House Craig Shuler, 3334 Dans Drive, spoke about his history on the Board with the Salvation Army, Transact Hope, and Bridge Street Mission. Mr. Shuler advocated for the Wausau model of the Bridge Street Mission that is more integrated.

Downtown business owner of JadeCo Stamp and Hobby JD Manville, 927 Main Street, spoke about downtown only being retail.

District two Alderperson Guthrie questioned if the forty-eight hours pertained to an individual or property, suggested comparing private land camping ordinances, as well requested organizations to write their opinions on this draft of an ordinance amendment.

Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church Pastor Ashley Abraham Hood, 5341 Clover Court, spoke against the ordinance amendment and requested more time for their board to review.

District eleven Alderperson Morrow spoke about his experience of managing the local police and parole office and spoke about resources going unused.

Tiffany Mallory, 1311 West River Drive, spoke against the ordinance, expressing frustration that the Warming Center was not notified in advance, as well as discussed an estimated \$150,000 would be needed to operate.

Downtown business owner of Polito's Sam Polito, 960 Main Street, spoke about the impact on businesses, finding needles in bathrooms, witnessing aggressive dogs and the fear that families have of bringing kids downtown.

Downtown business owner of Graffitis Sports Pub Troy Hojnacki, 912 Main Street, spoke in favor of the ordinance amendment as a means to start the conversation and also discussed the need for additional housing.

University of Wisconsin Stevens Point student Connor Mckenzie, resident of the dorms, spoke against the ordinance amendment and cautioned that the fines could produce a debtors' prison.

Ald. Keymer read a letter from Jerome Segura III. The letter has been added to the minutes.

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Chief Kussow clarified that the first step is not the ordinance amendment, but instead the 365-day shelter be put into place.

Ald. Keymer summarized that the recommendation from staff is to not take action until the 365-day shelter is addressed and organizations have the time to write a response. Ald. Keymer also discussed that this is a health and safety issue for the community, that this is a discussion-only item at this time and suggested that if organizations are meeting to discuss it could be beneficial to include city staff presence.

5. Discussion and possible action on downtown parking.

Mayor Wiza gave a brief overview of the concerns addressed by the Downtown Business Improvement District Board.

District one Alderperson Christianson, liaison for the Downtown Business Improvement District Board, spoke about changing the two-hour parking to a four-hour parking being the biggest need and that with the other concerns, more information is needed and that gradually making changes will offer the most time to assess.

Mayor Wiza spoke about kiosks being added downtown as a solution.

Mike Beacom, 933 Third Street, spoke about safety issues for the upper apartments.

Downtown business owner of Bria Bella & Co. and member of the Downtown Business Improvement District Board Tara Manzke, 925 Main Street, spoke in favor of the change from two-hour to four-hour parking and discussed the concerns of the public.

Downtown business owner of JadeCo Stamp and Hobby JD Manville, 927 Main Street, spoke about the difference between subscription businesses and retail businesses and the impact on parking.

Gregg Warren, 2321 Jersey Street, spoke on behalf of Kindred Spirit Book, the lax parking enforcement practices he is witnessing, and concern about city planning that is eliminating parking lots.

Downtown business owner of Graffitis Sports Pub Troy Hojnacki, 912 Main Street, spoke about the need to increase parking to four-hour parking.

Downtown business owner of Kindred Spirit Books Laura Di Salvo, 2321 Jersey Street, spoke about the need for customers to utilize parking on Main Street versus employees.

Downtown business owner of DigiCOPY and Mission Coffee House Craig Shuler, 3334 Dans Drive, spoken in favor of four-hour parking.

Ald. Buse moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to extend parking to four hours with recommended documentation from the Downtown Business Improvement District Board.

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

6. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The Concerns

- What are the issues we are trying to address?
 - Predominantly Downtwon

Mr Mayor,

I am contacting you anonymously because the details are extremely concerning and sensitive. There are no "good" outcomes to this being public knowledge but something needs to be done.

I happen to know a restaurant owner downtown. This is someone independent and local who just barely makes a go of it not some fancy franchisee.

At any rate they related a problem to me when I noticed a group of people who regularly congregate nearby. "Yes, they poop in my doorway." "What?" "Yes in the back where people cannot see, they poop there. We have to clean it up. It happens a lot." This owner sees no positive to mentioning this to anyone in public. They are afraid if they do they will be singled out as picking on people and lose business. They are afraid of losing business from the general public if word gets out this is happening. YUCK! They are afraid of repercussions from health authorities that might result in fines or closure orders. Imagine the thought of human feces inadvertently being tracked into a restaurant though no fault of the operator. It is a situation they have no control over whatsoever. Please do what you can.

I'm of the impression this might be happening elsewhere to other operators who are equally afraid to come forward. There's no win-win whatsoever. Can the city put up cameras with the permission of owners to monitor this? This is public area, not intended to be a restroom. This no doubt illegal conduct.

Monitoring the same is perfectly within bounds. Can someone in public health monitor this situation fully aware this isn't the fault of the owners and they have no control over this? Possibly an outdoor public health record could be established to document this to the city alders? Please do the best you can. Public mention of this can come to no good in just so many ways. People are genuinely fearful of repercussions. Thank You

Dear Mayor,


I just wanted to relate an incident that happened recently during the Halloween parade to bring to your attention a downtown problem.

My stepson and his wife came up from Madison at our urging to bring the kids to the Halloween parade. They arrived a little late toward the end and when they'd finished we including the children, were outside near the library. The kids are two little girls five and six years old.

Suddenly all hell broke loose in front of the library. Someone in the group of people who are often loitering in front of the library began to loudly shriek profanities at the top of their voice apparently verbally fighting with someone else. The parents were startled and immediately taken aback. They looked toward the commotion with a look of fear, and concern and asked me..."Does this happen very often down here?" They then immediately hustled the children down the street in full protective mode. The kids heard it all and started asking questions as if someone was hurt or what's happening?

We were quickly at least a block away. The tone, the volume, the profanities were still very audible even at that distance.

I can only say as I frequent the downtown regularly that this and similar incidents have become a common thing down there. For myself I was concerned, embarrassed, and horrified that our guests including the little kids would be subjected to this behavior. Is this what Stevens Point now presents to outsiders? Not good whatsoever. Please do whatever you can to bring this under some control. I've lived here for over 50 years and I'm quite proud of our city. This really shocks me as horrible.

Concerned citizen- I was born and raised in Stevens Point. I love Stevens Point! Since I was a little kid girl we lived two blocks from beautiful downtown Stevens Point. I have such amazing happy memories going downtown. Everyone seemed happy and saying hello with a smiles on their faces and during the Christmas season people would say Merry Christmas as you passed others on Main Street Downtown. At least weekly I would head downtown to the shops buying records and clothes , jewelry, gifts for others. It was the Best memories. I'm 66 years old now and in the last several years I've felt scared to go downtown because of all the homeless people hanging around everywhere. My heart hurts seeing these changes. It lost that happy feeling I always had and I'm not sharing with other how wonderful our downtown area is any longer. Us citizens have no idea if those homeless just got out of jail for who knows what crime they committed, if they're on drugs, if they're dangerous to our families, elderly people. It breaks my heart  Can someone help our downtown to feel safe again for our families, elderly folks and small business owners downtown? Please find away to stop this in our Downtown village we all have loved for years? There must be another way. Please make our downtown safe.

Mary Reid









2011 Wisconsin Act 35, no person shall...
under the person's control, convey, or attempt to
convey a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance onto
these premises.
Wisconsin Criminal Code § 943.13(1m)(b)
PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE









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Trespassing on private property is illegal.

Camps left trash, destroyed tents, sleeping bags, alcohol containers and a general abuse of the land.

Portable toilets had been installed for use. Vandalized twice before being removed.

Some have been turned away from the shelters because of behavior or levels of intoxication.

Concerns come from business owners, property owners, visitors and city residents. (Unsafe feeling, intimidation, animal interactions and unsanitary concerns) This is affecting everyone, including those unsheltered.

Frequent issues on city property of abandoned property, trash and vandalism. Some creating unhealthy areas and rodent attractors.

Resources are available for those who need and want help, but not everyone does.

- This behavior is not representative of all unsheltered people.
- Safe and reasonable alternatives must accompany this proposal.
- Several groups, including the City, are working on solutions. One Big Tent, TransAct Hope, Monroe House, ECI, Salvation Army and other volunteers are working on different pieces of the same puzzle.

OPTIONS currently being worked on:

- The current warming center stays open 365 days/year (funding and staff)
- An alternative overnight center opens during the non-warming season (funding and staff)
- An alternative overnight camping location is found (previously vandalized and susceptible to bad weather)

- Personal Lockers could be installed to allow safe storage of property when not needed. (funding and location)

These options will all require a commitment from the community, the City included.

Stevens Point

Emergency Services:

- Stevens Point Police Department- (715) 346-1500
- Dispatch Non-Emergency- (715) 346-1500
- Stevens Point Fire Department- (715) 346-1534
- DIAL 911 IN EMERGENCY

Mental Health Resources:

Ministry Behavioral Health:

- 900 Illinois Ave.
- (715) 346-5645

CAP Services :

- 2900 Hoover Rd. Suite A
- (715)343-7104

NAMI Portage-Wood Counties:

- (715) 544-9653
- namiportagewoodcounties@gmail.com

National Alliance on Mental Illness:

- 86 S Macy St.
- (920)979-0512
- Offer classes to those recovering from mental illness and their family.

Aging and Disabilities Resource Center:

- 1519 Water St.
- (715) 346-1401
- Assist with helping seniors and disabled find resources to assist them to continue living well and independently.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

- Dial 988 (24 hours)

Opportunity Development Center:

- (715) 424-2712

Sexual Abuse Services:

Sexual Assault Victim Services:

- (715) 343-7118
- Advocacy and support for sexual abuse victims.

Wisconsin Coalition against Sexual Assault:

- 2801 W Beltline Hwy 202, Madison
- (608)257-1516

Juvenile & Family Services:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters:

- 2801 Hoover Rd. Unit 1H
- (715) 341-0661

Boys and Girls Club:

- 941 Michigan Ave.
- (715) 341-4386

Children's Wisconsin:

- 1466 Water St., Suite 2
- (715) 341-6672

Portage County Health and Human Services Emergency Services:

- 1224 Main St.
- (715) 344-7438

Portage County Health and Human Services children and family services:

- 3349 Church St., Suite 1
- (715) 345-5350

Transportation:

Stevens Point City Bus:

- 2700 Week St.
- (715) 341-4490

Paratransit/Point Plus:

- (715) 341-4490

Greyhound Bus Service:

- 200 Division St.
- (715) 341-2266

Stevens Point Community Resource Guide



STEVENS POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF ROBERT KUSSOW

Fire-Police-Ambulance-Emergency
DIAL 911

Veterans:

Portage County Veterans Services:

- 1516 Church St.
- (715) 346-1310

Wisconsin Dept. Veterans Affairs:

- Region 10 Outreach Coordinator
Amber Krokstrom
- (920)246-7277

Center for Veterans Issues:

- (920)906-4779

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans:

- (877)424-3838

Milwaukee Veterans Center:

- (414)902-5561 (can offer
counseling services)

Veterans Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

- Dial 988 then press 1 or Text
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Animal Control:

Portage County Humane Society:

- 3200 Iber Ln Plover, WI.
- (715) 344-6012

Shelters:

Evergreen Community Initiative:

- 1300 Main St.
- (715) 212-3770

Domestic Violence Shelter:

- (715) 343-7125

Youth Shelter:

- (715) 343-7125

Salvation Army:

- 1600 Briggs St.
- (715) 341-2437
- Shelter - 12am - 12pm

Housing/ Financial/ Employment Assistance:

Financial Wellness of Portage County:

- (715) 346-1316

Midstate Independent Living:

- 3262 Church St. Suite 1
- (800) 382-8484

Salvation Army/Hope Center:

- 1600 Briggs St.
- (715) 341-2437

Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance
Program/ Energy Services, Inc.:

- 1224 Strongs Ave.
- (715) 344-5999

Stevens Point Housing Authority:

- 1300 Briggs Ct.
- (715) 341-3444

United Way of Portage County:

- 211 or (800) 922-5590
- Text - 898211

Foundation for Rural Housing:

- (608) 238-3448

One Big Tent of Portage County:

- 1039B Ellis St.
- (715) 310-6790
- Mondays: 1pm to 4pm
Wednesdays: 8am to Noon
Thursdays: Noon to 3:30pm

RentReady Housing Assistance:

- 1515 Strongs Ave.
- (715) 346-1554

Food:

Operation Bootstrap:

- 5000 Heffron St.
- (715) 344-1544
- 10am to 4pm
 - Closed weekends

Interfaith Food Pantry:

- 2810 Post Rd. Plover, WI
- (715) 347-2689
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month
- 4:45pm to 7:45pm

Place of Peace:

- 2151 Stanley St.
- (715) 341-4152
- Advance notice required, or arrive
during community meal on Thur.
evening.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Food Pantry:

- 1919 Wyatt Ave.
- (715) 344-5664
- Tues. and Thurs., 10am-2pm

Salvation Army:

- 1600 Briggs St.
- (715) 341-2437
- Food Pantry - Saturday, 10am to 1pm
- Meals - Breakfast begins 6am, Lunch
is served at noon, and dinner is served
at 5:30pm.

Narcarn Locations:

- 933 Michigan Ave. SPPD
- 1701 Franklin St. SPFD
- 4401 Industrial Park Rd. SPFD
- 1462 Strongs Ave. Annex Building

Link to Narcarn locations in WI

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/naloxone-availability.xlsx>

November 2024 Resolution:

“We recognize that homelessness and housing insecurity are affected by a wide variety of factors, which are very fluid and may require a change of policies, goals, and procedures to adequately address, requiring both policy and structural/systemic interventions necessary for those experiencing the consequences of poverty and homelessness”

Not all people are allowed to sleep in the warming center.

Not all people are allowed to sleep at the Salvation Army.

Not all people are allowed to sleep at many facilities.

There are basic rights that everyone has, but they all have a price.

It comes down to simple respect.

If you want that, you have to give that as well.

8.21 CAMPING ON CITY PROPERTY PROHIBITED.

Camping is hereby prohibited on all city property.

(1) Definitions:

- (a) “Camping” or “to camp” refers to the act of taking habitation upon City property or creating or maintaining a campsite upon City property.
- (b) “City property” means all real estate owned, controlled, leased, or occupied by the City of Stevens Point, including but not limited to City parks, City right-of-way areas, City parking lots, and areas subject to easements that grant rights or responsibilities to the City.
- (c) “Campsite” means any place upon City property where camping is occurring or where items associated with camping have been placed or left by any person.

(2) No person shall camp, lodge, live in or upon, or take habitation upon any City property. Evidence of such violation may include but is not limited to the presence of tents, sleeping bags, mattresses, blankets, cooking equipment or utensils, or other personal belongings typically associated with overnight or extended habitation. Stevens Point Police Officers may order any person camping upon City property to vacate such location and remove personal property located within the campsite. Any person refusing to comply with such order may be removed by Police Department staff and may be cited under RMC 5.06 for resistance to police.

(3) No person shall create or maintain a campsite upon City property.

(4) Warning Procedure and Removal of Persons and Property.

Prior to removing property under subsection (5), ordering persons to vacate a campsite and/or remove property from such site under subsection (2), or issuing any citation under this Section, the Stevens Point Police Department or other City staff shall provide reasonable notice of the City's intent to clear the campsite. This notice can be provided by posting a physical notice within or in the immediate vicinity of the campsite in a place reasonably visible to persons in the area or by personally providing such notice in writing to persons occupying the campsite. The City shall preserve records of such notices when posted or issued. No City staff member shall take action under subsections (2) or (5) and no citations shall be issued under this Section until at least 48 hours have elapsed since the time such notice is issued or posted. The deterioration of physical notices posted under this subsection due to weather or exposure to the elements or the removal of such notices by anyone other than City staff shall not render such notices ineffective for the purposes contained within this Section. Any person other than City staff who tampers with or removes a notice posted under this subsection may be issued a citation under this Section. Citations issued for tampering with notices posted under this subsection are not subject to any warning provision, 48-hour notice, or diversion program provisions contained within this Section.

(5) When City staff identify a campsite or camping activity upon any City property, City staff may take the following actions with regards to any personal property which is left unattended upon such site.

- a) Items in an unsanitary condition may be discarded by the City immediately. Items in an unsanitary condition include, but are not limited to, garbage, rubbish, and all accumulations of food waste or materials associated with food preparation.
- b) Weapons, drug paraphernalia, suspected stolen property, contraband, and any evidence of a crime or violation of law may be retained by the Stevens Point Police Department until the disposition of such items is determined pursuant to applicable law and policy.
- c) All items not covered by subsections (4)(a) and (4)(b) may be removed by the City and stored for a minimum of 30 calendar days. During this 30-day period, such items shall be available for release to an individual who can confirm ownership of such items. If no claim is made upon such items, they may be disposed of by the City in any appropriate manner.

(6) Diversion program.

The Stevens Point Police Department in conjunction with the City Attorney's office, shall develop and implement a diversion program under which individuals cited under this Section may have a first offense citation dismissed if such individual provides evidence that they have made a reasonable effort to attain services designed to assist them in securing housing. Such dismissals shall be evaluated based on a case-by-case basis and are at the discretion of the City Attorney based upon the facts of each individual case.



City of Stevens Point Police Department

Robert Kussow
Chief of Police

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ILLEGAL CAMPING & INTENT TO SEIZE PROPERTY

Date: _____ Time: _____ Officer Name/Badge #: _____

Illegal camp site with personal property must be vacated no later than _____ at _____ a.m.

Camp Location: _____ Case #: _____

*****WARNING: ANY PERSON WHO TAMPERS WITH OR REMOVES THIS NOTICE MAY BE ISSUED A CITATION
BY THE STEVENS POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT*****

This notice is to inform you that you are camping on City property in violation of Ordinance, 8.21 Camping on City Property Prohibited, of the City of Stevens Point and your campsite is subject to involuntary removal.

Resources: If you need assistance, some local resources that may be available are:

- Salvation Army / Hope Center, 1600 Briggs St., (715) 341-2437
- Evergreen Community Initiative Warming Shelter, 1300 Main St., (715) 212-3770
- Franciscans Downtown, 1000 Main St., (715) 341-2790
- United Way of Portage County, (800) 922-5590
- Portage County Health and Human Services Emergency Services, 1224 Main St. (715) 344-7438
- Operation Bootstrap, 5000 Heffron St., (715) 344-1544

NOTICE: It is the policy of the City of Stevens Point to provide 48-hour notice prior to removing property from City property where camping is prohibited. This form serves as such notice. If you fail to remove your property from this illegal campsite within 48-hours from the date and time posted on this notice, you will likely receive a citation and/or have your property removed and collected by City of Stevens Point employees. Collected property that is unclaimed after 30 days is subject to disposal pursuant to Ordinance, 8.21(5)(c), of the City of Stevens Point. To schedule an appointment for the return of items that are found property or safekeeping property, or to inquire about lost property please call (715) 346-1500 or (715) 346-1506 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Monday – Friday).

- Camping Ordinance gives law enforcement a tool when needed.
- Adopt with contingencies:
 - a 365 shelter opens?
 - limited area to start?
 - changes before adoption?
- Other solutions?

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- (715) 341-0661

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- 941 Michigan Ave.
- (715) 341-4386

Children's Wisconsin:

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- (715) 341-6672

Portage County Health and Human Services

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- 3349 Church St., Suite 1
- (715) 345-5350

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CHIEF ROBERT KUSSOW

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Portage County Veterans Services:

- 1516 Church St.
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Wisconsin Dept. Veterans Affairs:

- Region 10 Outreach Coordinator
Amber Krokstrom
- (920)246-7277

Center for Veterans Issues:

- (920)906-4779

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans:

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- (715) 344-5999

Stevens Point Housing Authority:

- 1300 Briggs Ct.
- (715) 341-3444

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- Mondays: 1pm to 4pm

Wednesdays: 8am to Noon
Thursdays: Noon to 3:30pm

RentReady Housing Assistance:

- 1515 Strongs Ave.
- (715) 346-1554

Monroe House

- 1700 Monroe St.
- (715) 344-4054

Food:

Operation Bootstrap:

- 5000 Heffron St.
- (715) 344-1544

- 10am to 4pm

- Closed weekends

Interfaith Food Pantry:

- 2810 Post Rd. Plover, WI
- (715) 347-2689

- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month
- 4:45pm to 7:45pm

Place of Peace:

- 2151 Stanley St.
- (715) 341-4152

- Advance notice required, or arrive during community meal on Thur. evening.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Food Pantry:

- 1919 Wyatt Ave.
- (715) 344-5664
- Tues. and Thurs., 10am-2pm

Salvation Army:

- 1600 Briggs St.
- (715) 341-2437
- Food Pantry - Saturday, 10am to 1pm
- Meals - Breakfast begins 6am, Lunch is served at noon, and dinner is served at 5:30pm.

Narcarn Locations:

- 933 Michigan Ave. SPPD
- 1701 Franklin St. SPFD
- 4401 Industrial Park Rd. SPFD
- 1462 Strongs Ave. Annex Building

Link to Narcarn locations in WI

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/naloxone-availability.xlsx>

Susan Pagel

From: District 3
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 2:21 PM
To: Susan Pagel
Subject: Fw: Ordinance amending the revised municipal code

Hello, Jerome

Just letting you know I received your message and will read it tonight during the discussion. I am forwarding it on to our new Clerk, Susan Pagel, for inclusion in the meeting minutes.

Ginger Keymer
[Alder for District 3](#)
City of Stevens Point
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From: jerome thecentralwisconsinconomy.org <jerome@thecentralwisconsinconomy.org>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 12:28 PM
To: District 3 <district3@stevenspoint.com>
Cc: Ginger Keymer <ginger.renee@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Ordinance amending the revised municipal code

Hi Ginger.

I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting, but i have prepared a short statement I would like you to read on my behalf.

The new ordinance criminalizing camping is the result of years of disinvestment in public services. Over 7 years, the current administration siphoned more than \$35 million, nearly 2 annual budgets worth of spending, away from essential public programs to fund luxury developments and low quality jobs. By prioritizing these pet projects over affordable housing and public services, the city has strategically deepened the homelessness crisis, neglecting the most vulnerable, while catering to short-term political interests.

Jerome Segura III, PhD
2117 Main Street

Susan Pagel

From: District 3
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 3:27 PM
To: Susan Pagel
Cc: Andrew Beveridge
Subject: Public Comment for Public Policy Committee & Meeting Minutes

Another for inclusion in meeting minutes. We can discuss with Attorney Beveridge, if there are questions on when or how to do this. I'll be learning, too!

Ginger Keymer
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City of Stevens Point
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From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 2:59 PM
To: District 3 <district3@stevenspoint.com>
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact Alderperson - District 3

Contact Alderperson - District 3

First and Last Name: Daniel Werachowski

Street Address: 1605 Division Street

City: Stevens Point (change City, State, and/or Zip as needed)

State: WI

Zip: 54481

Phone Number: 715-315-3145

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Please enter your questions or comments below:

Hello! I am writing in the hopes you can pass along this message at tonight's council meeting regarding the creation of the proposed "camping ordinance". "As a Stevens Point resident since 2012, I have seen an increase in the houseless population, particularly since 2020. This is not an issue isolated to our community, but our reaction and gracefulness in how we treat our neighbors, regardless of their economic situation, is something we must own. We are a unique city, and we can come up with unique solutions beyond the easy ticket and enforcement route larger cities in our nation have. Before passing such an ordinance, I implore council to reflect on how

we can confront houselessness in a holistic approach that confronts root causes and delegates resources to such work. As a member of the board of the Hunger and Poverty Prevention Partnership, I can attest to the fact there are volunteer committees and collaboratives that could and should step up to the plate to partner with the city to create creative, local, solutions to this larger systemic problem. Houselessness is a human situation and signifies an emergency, let's treat it as such. Once again, I implore you to stay a vote, or vote no, to such an ordinance until we've created a well rounded, human-centered plan that involves the input of agencies and organizations close to this issue". Feel free to share my phone number or email with any alder or person in attendance curious at getting in touch.

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