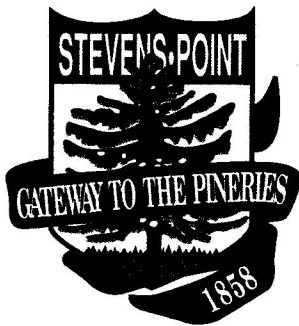


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RESOLUTION

RE: REQUESTING CONGRESS ENACT A REVENUE-NEUTRAL FEE ON CARBON IN FOSSIL FUELS

WHEREAS, nearly all climate scientists agree that the Earth is warming rapidly, which is causing the climate to change and that this will have negative effects on Earth's natural systems and human civilization; and

WHEREAS, a contributing effect to carbon dioxide (CO₂) increase is human activity, especially through the combustion of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the continued use of fossil fuels is being supported by a market failure whereby the costs of carbon emissions are not included in the price of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, changing climate has an impact on Central Wisconsin's natural resources and has been identified in the Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation Plan, under section 4.4, stating "In the past 50 years, average statewide temperatures have increased by about 1.1°F. It is also likely that the state will see more extreme weather events"; and

WHEREAS, 25 Wisconsin Counties have already incorporated climate change into their approved Hazard Mitigation Plans; and

WHEREAS, the urgent need to transition away from fossil fuels can best be accomplished with a market-based program, namely a revenue-neutral carbon fee on fossil fuel producers with a corresponding rebate or dividend to consumers; and

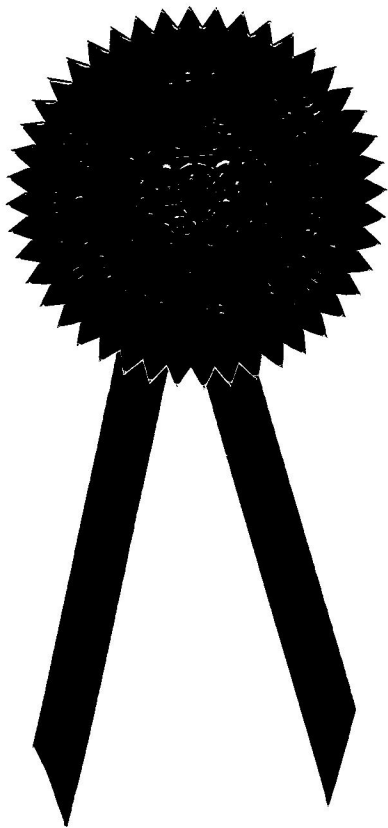
WHEREAS, using a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend to reduce carbon emissions would have the following benefits:

1. The carbon fee would incentivize the development and use of energy efficiency and low carbon energy sources.
2. The transition to low-carbon energy sources will provide a range of additional benefits including enhanced public health, job creation and strengthening of the U.S. Economy, increased energy security, and increased local energy development in rural areas.
3. Even though the carbon fee would temporarily increase energy costs including electric rates, and the cost of living, those costs would be offset by the revenue returned to households on an equal basis as a dividend.

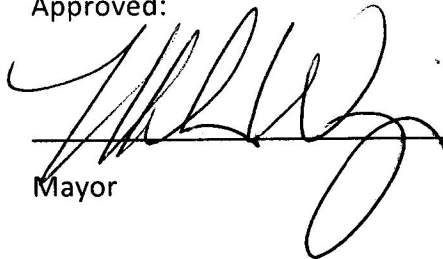
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stevens Point Common Council strongly urges the United States Congress to pass legislation that levies an annually increasing revenue-neutral fee on the carbon in fossil fuels at the point of production or importation that would be sufficient to:

- a. Encourage individuals and businesses to produce and use less fossil fuels;
- b. Make the transition from fossil fuels less onerous to consumers and to the economy by returning to Americans on an equal basis all of the revenues gained from the fee;
- c. Reduce U.S. CO2 emissions to 10% of 1990 levels by 2050;
- d. Encourage similar actions by other nations trading with the United States, by suitable carbon-content-based fees for imports, and rebates for exports to nations that have not taken such actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Stevens Point City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the City's Congressional delegation to include Senator Ron Johnson, Senator Tammy Baldwin and Representative Ron Kind.



Approved:



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

Dated: February 1, 2018

Adopted: February 19, 2018