

CITY OF STOUGHTON
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

Location: Council Chambers/Public Safety Building

Members: Michael Engelberger David Kneebone, Sonny Swangstu, Tim Swadley, Ron Christianson, Paul Lawrence, Greg Jenson, Eric Hohol, Tom Majewski, Tom Selsor, Tricia Suess, Pat O'Connor

Mayor Donna Olson presided at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Stoughton, Dane County, Wisconsin, held in the Council Chambers, Public Safety Building, on June 10, convening at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations: Finance Director Sullivan called the roll and noted 12 Alderpersons present. Majewski arrived at 7:05 pm.

Kettle Park West Update: Planning Director Scheel reported that the Economic Impact Study materials have not yet been sent to Maxfield Research by the developer.

Minutes & Reports: Opera House 4/29/14, CA/CP 5/6/14, Finance 5/13/14, Library Board 4/16/14, Personnel minutes 5/5/14 and 6/2/14
Minutes and reports were entered into record

Public Comment:

- 1) Tami Vieth, 1024 Riverview Dr, Stoughton in support of R-70-2014
- 2) Linda Muller, 208 N Gjertson, Stoughton, in support of R-70-2014
- 3) Matthew Vogel, 1489 N Page St, Stoughton, in support of R-72-2014

Consent Agenda: Approval of Council Minutes of 05-27-2014

Motion by Lawrence, second by Christianson to approve. Motion carried by acclamation 12-0

Old Business:

R-64-2014: Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the AT&T Wisconsin General Easement agreement for placement of a utility box at Norse Park.

Motion by Engelberger, second by Suess to approve. Move to amend the motion by Majewski, second by Lawrence to request a change in the agreement for the retaining wall to be constructed of natural stone. Motion to amend carried by acclamation 12-0. Main Motion with amendment carried by acclamation 12-0

New Business:

R-70-2014: Resolution in support of Stoughton Move to Amend

Moved by Jensen, Second by Engelberger to approve Resolution R-70-2014.

The current resolution states that the City is taking a stand and endorsing : Hohol and Lawrence are in favor of the referendum, but not the position in the resolution. This is two parts, one the resolution and two the referendum. Selsor and Engelberger spoke in support.

Move to table by Lawrence and second by Hohol to send back to CA/CP committee. Ask the committee to split the point and bring back a resolution to put the referendum question on the next ballot. Motion to table carried by acclamation 12-0.

Vote on Main motion: Motion tabled.

R-72-2014: Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to issue an Operator's License to Matt Vogel

Motion by Swadley, second by Lawrence to approve Resolution R-72-2014.

Swadley stated that according to policy, the application should be denied and Public Safety committee recommended the same.

Alder Lawrence pointed out that Public Safety voted to deny based partly on the fact that Vogel did not attend the committee meeting.

Alder Christianson felt that Vogel deserves a second chance and made a good presentation to Council.

Alder Hohol, while agreeing that people deserve second chances, reminded the Council that this violation is only a couple months old.

Alder Majewski, unfortunate that Vogel could not attend the meeting, felt he had paid his price through the court system and his apology to Council.

Chief Leck, recommended following the policy, but added that if council wishes to approve the license that they consider approving a one year license so it can be checked on in one years' time.

Motion by Lawrence to amend the motion to make it a one year operator license, second by Christianson.

Motion to amend to one year license carried by acclamation, 11-1 (Engelberger opposed)

Main Motion carried by roll call 10-2 (Hohol and Engelberger opposed)

R-75-2014: Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the Liquor License renewals for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Motion by Swadley second by Lawrence. Motion carried by acclamation 12-0

R-76-2014: Authorizing an Application for a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's license to serve fermented malt beverages to the Dane County Friends of Scandinavian Culture, Inc. for the 1st annual Catfish River Music Festival to be held July 3, 2014 through July 6, 2014 at Rotary Park

Motion by Swadley second by Lawrence to approve.

Christianson questioned how the alcohol consumption will be contained within the area. Chief Leck was available to answer questions.

Motion carried by acclamation 12-0

R-68-2014: Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the placement of a cigarette butt receptacle and a sign asking people to “please refrain from smoking near playgrounds when children are present” at Veterans Park.

Motion by Engelberger, second by Lawrence. This will be a test run on the no smoking sign in Veterans Park only. This is not an overall ban.

Alder Suess said that the resolution attempts to accomplish two things, one to keep smoke away from children and two to keep cigarette butts off of the ground.

Alder Majewski questioned the location of the receptacle and the signs. Does not believe that this has been a problem in the City, and that the signs are unnecessary.

Alder Lawrence questioned why we are doing this at only one park? Would like a more clearly formulated plan/idea.

Alder Jensen asked how the results of this trial will be monitored.

Alder Hohol likes the idea of the cigarette butt receptacle, but he felt signs are not enforceable or necessary.

Alder Selsor will vote in favor and feels that testing one park will be fine.

Alder O Connor will vote in favor.

Motion carried by roll call 9-2-1 (Majewski and Hohol voted against and Christianson abstains).

R-62-2014: Resolution approving the Mayor’s appointment of John Kramper as an Alternate on the Redevelopment Authority.

Motion by Lawrence, second by Christianson to approve. Motion carried by acclamation 11-0

R-69-2014: Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Powers – Re: Hults Road Water and Sewer Extension

Motion by Christianson, second by Lawrence to approve.

This is related to the recent annexation off of Hwy 51. This establishes allocations of costs related to the improvements needed.

Swadley questioned the properties included and whether or not some of this would be TIF eligible.

Motion by Majewski and second by Selsor to amend preliminary special assessment resolution to not allow any portion of that to be TIF eligible in the future.

Vote on change to motion: Motion fails on roll call vote 3-9 (Kneebone, Majewski, Engelberger, voting in favor)

Vote on main motion: Motion carried 10-2 by acclamation

R-71-2014: Approving Job Description updates for the Utilities Director and Utilities Technical Operations Supervisor.

Motion by Suess, Second by Hohol to approve the updated job description as presented.

Motion carried by acclamation 12-0

R-73-2014: Approving a contract between the City of Stoughton and Stoughton Trailers for use of Stoughton Trailers parking lot for Opera House event

Motion by Jensen, second by Swangstu to approve. This is parking for the Catfish Music Festival to be held over the July 4th weekend.

Motion Carried by acclamation 12-0

R-77-2014: Approval for Street Closing request for Opera House Event
Motion by Swadley, second by Sues to approve.
Motion carried by acclamation 12-0

R-74-2014: Approving Mayor Citizen Committee Appointments
The mayor is requesting confirmation of her committee appointments:
Tree Commission-Kendall McBroom
Police and Fire Commission-Jonathan Lewis
Board of Appeals-Josh Twedt as Alternate

Motion by Lawrence, second by Christianson to approve.
Motion carried by acclamation 11-1, (Kneebone opposed).

R-67-2014: Approving Agreements for the Reconstruction and Maintenance of Williams Drive from Railroad Tracks North to CTH B.
Motion to go to closed session at 8:30 p.m. by Christianson, second by Lawrence. Motion carried by roll call vote 12-0
Motion to return to open session at 8:45 by Hohol second by Majewski, motion carried by acclamation.
Motion by Hohol second by Lawrence to approve the agreements with the Townships of Dunkirk and Pleasant Springs with the following changes:
Reconstruction agreement: Strike both #5 and #6.
Maintenance agreements: no changes
Motion carried by acclamation. 12-0

Discussion Regarding City Department Structure:

Council President Engelberger asked for this to be on the agenda due to a couple of Alders requesting further discussion.

Kneebone suggested that the pay rate for the Clerk's position be reduced do to the reduction of duties in that position.

Majewski believed that the Clerk's office should be an independent entity and doesn't understand why the clerk's office should be combined with another department.

Mayor Olson stated that the new structure has made a difference. Until the new Human Resources Director is on staff there cannot be a full transition of responsibilities.

Motion to table and send back to committee by Lawrence, second by Hohol.

Motion withdrawn by Lawrence, second withdrawn by Hohol.

Adjournment:

Moved by Lawrence second by Hohol, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried by acclamation 12-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Sullivan, Finance Director