

CITY OF STOUGHTON  
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL

Date/Time: October 8, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.

Location: Council Chambers/Public Safety Building

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

Absent & Excused: Tom Majewski, David Kneebone

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 Tuesday, October 8, 2013, convening at 7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.*

**1. Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations**

- Alder Swangstu thanked the City for sending flowers to his wife Linda while she was in the hospital.
- Mayor Olson expressed her sympathy to the two families who recently lost loved ones.
- Mayor Olson read the Breast Cancer Awareness Month proclamation.

Acting City Clerk Maria P. Hougan called the roll and noted 10 alders present: Christianson, Engelberger, Hohol, Jenson, Lawrence, Selsor, Suess, Swadley, Swangstu, Urven.

- Presentation: Stoughton Landmarks Commission 2013 Historic Preservation Award: Alan Hedstrom presented the achievement award for the preservation of the Youth Center. Don & Carol Wahlin, former Mayor Helen Johnson, and Mayor Donna Olson received the 2013 Landmarks Historic Preservation Award. Johnson thanked Alder Swangstu, Kendall McBroom and his wife, and many others who made the Youth Center successful. Mayor Olson also thanked the Wahlins and Helen Johnson for the legacy they have left the City of Stoughton.
- Fire Department Open House, Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 4:00-8:00 P.M. Tracie Kluever presented the information regarding the open house.
- Kettle Park West update: Planning Director Rodney Scheel stated that they are in the process of reviewing the documents for the planning of Kettle Park West. They are in discussions with the DOT.

## 2. Minutes and Reports

*Minutes (placed on file):* Redevelopment Authority 06/12/2013, 08/14/2013; Risk Management 07/11/2013; Library Board 08/21/2013; Board of Appeals 09/23/2013

*Reports:* No reports.

## 3. Public Comment:

- Peg Schuett, owner of Cheesers, spoke in favor of setting aside money for business advertising: there is no presence on the interstate to direct people into Stoughton. Businesses are struggling, parking is an issue; they could really use some help in promoting the local businesses.
- Marty Lamers, 1220 South Fourth Street, registered to speak regarding the special assessments on 1220 South Fourth Street.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding reopening and amending a special assessment levied in Resolution R-110-2009 on the property located at 1220 South Fourth Street to pay for sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter, and retaining wall improvements constructed as part of the 2009 Page and Isham Street project.

City Attorney Matt Dregne gave the background on this project. Assessments were levied based on policy at that time. It is permissible to reopen and amend a special assessment.

*Mayor Olson closed the meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:20 P.M.*

Marty Lamers spoke on behalf on his property to ask the council to amend the assessment.

*Mayor Olson closed the public hearing and opened the council meeting for the regular course of business at 7:23 P.M.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

5. **R-128-2013:** Declaring the Common Council to reopen and amend the special assessment levied against the property located at 1220 South Fourth Street. (Finance Committee recommends approval 4-1 with Mayor Olson voting, Kneebone in opposition.)

Attorney Dregne presented the resolution. Alder Hohol is in favor.

*Moved by Lawrence, second by Swangstu, to approve. Motion carried 10-0 by roll call.*

6. **O-20-2013:** An Ordinance amending the zoning classification for property located at 819 North Page Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin, from GI-General Industrial to PB-Planned Business. (Planning Commission recommends approval 5-0 with Mayor Olson voting.) *Second reading.*

*Moved by Christianson, second by Hohol, to approve. Motion carried 10-0 by acclamation.*

**7. O-21-2013:** An Ordinance amending the zoning classification of property located at 820, 824, and 832 Berry Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin, from PD-Planned Development to SR6-Single Family Residential. (Planning Commission recommends approval 5-0 with Mayor Olson voting.)  
*Second reading.*

*Moved by Christianson, second by Jenson, to approve. Motion carried 10-0 by acclamation.*

**8. O-22-2013:** Amending the General Development Plan for 2320 Jackson Street, Castle Condominiums Units 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, and 118 from PD-Planned Development to PD-GDP—Planned Development-General Development Plan to establish allowable and conditional uses. (Planning Commission recommends approval 5-0 with Mayor Olson voting.)  
*Second reading.*

*Moved by Christianson, second by Lawrence, to approve. Motion carried 10-0 by acclamation.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**9. O-25-2013:** To repeal and recreate section 6-13 of the Municipal Code relating to dangerous animals. (Public Safety recommends approval 2-1, Hohol in opposition.) *First reading.*

Alder Swadley presented the ordinance. Swadley thanked Officer Gowan for presenting this ordinance at the Public Safety Committee meeting.

*First reading. No action taken.*

**10. R-115-2013:** Approving a Conditional Use Permit for Ben Di Salvo to operate an indoor commercial entertainment establishment (restaurant) at 819 North Page Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin. (Planning Commission recommends approval 5-0 with Mayor Olson voting.)

Swangstu welcomed the new neighbors of the Legion and wished them good luck.

*Moved by Christianson, second by Lawrence, to approve. Motion carried 10-0 by acclamation.*

**11. R-121-2013:** Approving a Conditional Use Permit for Coleen Kehl to operate an indoor commercial entertainment establishment (dance, music, and drama studio) at 2320 Jackson Street, Castle Condominiums Units 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, and 118, Stoughton, Wisconsin. (Planning Commission recommends approval 5-0 with Mayor Olson voting.)

*Moved by Christianson, second by Jenson, to approve. Motion carried 10-0 by acclamation.*

**12. R-122-2013:** Approving a Certified Survey Map for Scott Skavlen to split the property at 820, 824, and 832 Berry Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin, into two single-family lots and remove

the property from the Meadow View Condominium. (Planning Commission recommends approval 5-0 with Mayor Olson voting.)

*Moved by Christianson, second by Hohol, to approve. Motion carried 10-0 by acclamation.*

**13. R-125-2013:** Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to issue an Operator's License to Meshan R. Adams. (Public Safety Committee recommends denial 2-1, Majewski in opposition.)

*Moved by Swadley, second by Christianson, to approve. Motion denied 0-10 by acclamation.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by Lawrence, second by Jenson, to adjourn at 7:35 P.M. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria P. Hougan, Acting City Clerk

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