

CITY OF STOUGHTON
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.

Location: Council Chambers/Public Safety Building

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

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, March 12, 2013, convening at 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations

Acting City Clerk Maria P. Hougan called the roll, noting 11 alders present: Swadley, Swangstu, Lawrence, Christianson, Kneebone, Engelberger, Jenson, Majewski, Olstad, Hohol, Selsor. Alder Suess was absent and excused.

Public Comment

Max Dickman, 875 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, requested to speak regarding item #16, the Roundy's Pick 'N Save liquor license. He is in support of the resolution. The store is being remodeled; they would like to make the store similar to the McFarland Pick 'N Save. Liquor would be in the segregated area.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Council Minutes (regular and special) 02/12/2013; 02/26/2013; 02/16/2013; 02/28/2013

Moved by Lawrence, second by Jenson, to approve. Motion carried by voice, 11-0.

OLD BUSINESS

O-3-2013: An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Official(s) to Amend Zoning Code Section 78-105(6)(a)4 and Tables of Land Uses (9) of the Stoughton Municipal Code. (Planning Commission approved 7-0.) **Second Reading**

Moved by Hohol, second by Lawrence, to approve. Motion carried on roll call, 11-0.

O-4-2013: An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Official(s) to Amend Appendix F, Process for Proposal Review within Downtown Design Overlay District of the Stoughton Municipal Code. (Planning Commission approved 4-0.) **Second Reading**

Moved by Hohol, second by Lawrence, to approve. Motion carried on roll call, 11-0.

NEW BUSINESS

R-35-2013: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Official(s) to Approve an Operational Study of City Hall Services in the Amount of \$29,700 to be Conducted by Baker Tilly LLC. (Personnel Committee approved 5-0 with Mayor Olson voting; Finance Committee met prior to Council on 3/12/2013, split vote 2-2, 1 abstention.)

Scott Sager from Baker Tilly was in attendance to give a presentation regarding the proposed operational study.

There was extensive discussion about (1) whether the study would truly be worth its cost to the City and (2) the timeline of the study.

Moved by Majewski, second by Lawrence to amend the motion to take the money to pay for

the study out of the city clerk salary, instead of out of contingency fund. Motion carried

unanimously by acclamation.

Moved by Lawrence, second by Swangstu, to approve as amended. Motion carried on roll call

6-5 (Swadley, Majewski, Kneebone, Olstad, Selsor opposed).

O-5-2013: An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Official(s) to Amend Section 2-478 Relating to Cemetery Board, Maintenance of the Records and Funds. (Public Works Committee approved 4-0.) **First Reading**

Alder Olstad recommended for approval.

R-32-2013: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Official(s) to Approve the Stoughton Utilities Customer Service Technician Position. (Utilities Committee approved 5-0; Personnel Committee approved 5-0.)

Kneebone said that he will be voting against this because he was opposed to the termination of the previous employee.

Moved by Swangstu, second by Hohol, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation, 10-1 (Kneebone opposed).

R-29-2013: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Official(s) to Follow the Recommendation of the Risk Management Committee and Leave Riverside Drive as a Two-Way Street. (Risk Management Committee approved 4-1 with Mayor Olson voting.)

Moved by Majewski, second by Jenson, to amend the resolution to vacate Riverside Drive from

parking lot in Veterans Park going east behind cemetery and going west. Motion failed by

voice vote.

Return to original motion.

Moved by Olstad, second by Swangstu, to approve. Motion carried by voice, 10-1 (Majewski

opposed).

R-26-2013: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Official(s) to Approve Filling Volunteer Firefighter Vacancies in Order to Maintain Current Staffing Levels. (Public Safety Committee approved 4-0; Personnel Committee approved 5-0 with Mayor Olson voting.)

Moved by Christianson, second by Lawrence, to approve. Motion unanimously carried by

acclamation.

R-30-2013: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Official(s) to Accept a 40 Acre Portion of the AJ Arnett Property as a Donation from the Natural Heritage Land Trust through a Stewardship Grant. (Parks and Recreation Committee approved 4-0; Public Works Committee took no action; Public Safety Committee approved 3-0.)

Moved by Christianson, second by Hohol to approve. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation, 11-0.

R-33-2013: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Mayor's Appointment of Mary Bennett to the Hall of Fame Committee.

Moved by Christianson, second by Hohol, to approve. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation, 11-0.

R-34-2013: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Mayor's Appointment of Ann Nelson to the Hall of Fame Committee.

Moved by Lawrence, second by Hohol, to approve. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation, 11-0.

R-31-2013: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Official(s) to Recognize Domestic Partnership as Defined by Wisconsin State Statute 770 and Wis. Stats. Sec. 40.02(21c) & (21d). (Personnel Committee approved 5-0 with Mayor Olson voting.) Swangstu stated that Attorney Crone assisted with this resolution. Olson said that there was a request to respect and honor domestic partnership for employees.

Moved by Hohol, second by Lawrence, to amend the resolution as suggested by Attorney

Dregne to add “and as that statute may be amended from time to time.”

Motion withdrawn.

Moved by Hohol, second by Selsor, to amend the amendment to add “2011-2012” to Stat.

770.007. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

Moved by Swangstu, second by Lawrence, to approve main motion, as amended.

Motion

carried unanimously by acclamation, 11-0.

R-27-2013: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Official(s) to Approve the Request from Ultra Mart Foods LLC to Change its Premise Description on the Liquor License Issued to Pick ‘N Save, Located at 1750 Hwy. 51 West. (Public Safety Committee approved 3-1.)

Pick ‘N Save representative Max Dickman was present to answer Council questions. There was extensive discussion of the proposed layout of the store, particularly with regard to liquor check-out points and measures to restrict access to liquor.

Hohol asked Chief Leck to comment. Leck said that this is a minor change, and he was pleased to see that Pick ‘N Save was willing to work with his recommendations. He said this set-up is even better than McFarland’s, and he is comfortable with it.

Motion by Christianson, second by Hohol to approve. Motion carried 7-4 (Christianson, Kneebone, Olstad, Engelberger opposed).

R-28-2013: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Official(s) to Approve a Temporary Class “B”/Retailer’s Picnic License to Stoughton Merchant Baseball for the Period of April 2013 – October 2013 to Sell Fermented Malt Beverages during Baseball Games at Norse Park. (Public Safety Committee approved 4-0.)

Christianson said that this is a yearly renewal. Attorney Dregne identified two options: (1) establish a list of dates for home games; (2) revise the premises description. Chief Leck supported a six-month license.

Moved by Christianson, second by Hohol, to table this to the next Council meeting so that

Stoughton Merchant Baseball can fill out the six-month license. Motion carried unanimously

by acclamation, 11-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lawrence and seconded to adjourn at 9:10 P.M. Motion carried unanimously by

acclamation, 11-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria P. Hougan, Acting City Clerk
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