

CITY OF STOUGHTON
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 23, 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, Eric Olstad, Tom Majewski, 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, April 23, 2013, convening at 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations:

Acting City Clerk Hougan called the roll and noted that there were 12 alderpersons present: Suess, Swadley, Swangstu, Lawrence, Christianson, Kneebone, Majewski, Jenson, Engelberger, Olstad, Hohol, Selsor.

Mayor Olson congratulated Lois Fosdal on her retirement and thanked her for her past service to our community.

Officer Chad O'Neil & K9 Ole gave a presentation.

Chief Leck introduced Kari Klebba with Wisconsin Vest-A-Dog; she presented a safety vest that was donated for Ole.

Mayor Olson welcomed the government class.

2. Minutes and Reports

Minutes (placed on file): Food Pantry 01-23-2013, Community Affairs/Council Policy 02-05-2013, Opera House Board 11-28-2012, Redevelopment Authority 03-13-2013 & 04-03-2013, Planning 04-08-2013, Public Works 03-25-2013, Tree Commission 03-13-2013

Reports: Seniors in Need, March Claims, and March Treasurer's Report

3. Public Comment

No one registered to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING regarding the sidewalk, driveway, and curb and gutter assessments for the 2013 Street and Utility Construction on Ridge Street, Hillside Avenue, Fourth, Street, and Milwaukee Street

Planning Director Scheel presented the reconstruction project.

Mayor Olson closed the meeting and opened the Public Hearing.

Two citizens registered to speak: Randy Ree, 124 E. Milwaukee Street, and Jose DelaRosa, 508 Ridge Street spoke in opposition to the 2013 Street & Utility construction project, and two were in opposition but did not wish to speak at the public hearing: Connie Bakken, 106 E. Milwaukee Street, and Kathryn Ree, 124 E. Milwaukee Street. Mr. Ree presented a petition.

Mayor Olson closed the Public Hearing and reopened the meeting for the regular course of business.

4. R-56-2013: Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to authorize improvements and levying special assessments against benefitted property in the City of Stoughton for the improvement of sidewalk and curb and gutter and driveways related to the 2013 street and utility reconstruction project on Ridge Street, Hillside Avenue, Fourth Street, and Milwaukee Street within the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin

Aldersperson Hohol stated there is a petition being routed around.

Mayor Olson asked for a five minutes recess at 7:19. The Council took a five minute recess to review the petition.

Mayor Olson called the meeting back to order at 7:23 pm.

Planning Director Scheel reviewed the financial payment installment plan. Utilities Director Kardasz gave an overview of the project. There was some discussion of costs and timeline.

Moved by Lawrence, second by Olstad, to approve. Motion carried 12-0 by roll call.

5. O-5-2013: Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to amend Section 2-478 related to Cemetery Board Maintenance of records and funds (Public Works approved 4-0) **Second Reading**

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. **O-6-2013:** Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the request by MMM, LLC, for Direct Annexation by unanimous approval pursuant to Section 66.0217(6) Wis. Stats. (Planning Commission approved 5-0 with Mayor Olson voting) **First Reading**

7. **O-7-2013:** Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to amend Section 2-31 of the Stoughton Municipal Code, pertaining to the rules of procedure (Community Affairs/Council Policy approved 3-0) **First Reading**

8. **R-51-2013:** Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the amendments to the Rules of the Common Council, Committees, Boards, and Commissions (Community Affairs/Council Policy approved 3-0)

Moved by Jenson, second by Lawrence, to table to the next Council meeting. Motion carried 12-0 by acclamation.

9. **R-52-2013:** Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to follow the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve the application for the Department of Natural Resources Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant for Division Street Park Streambank Stabilization (Public Works approved 3-1)

Majewski moved to amend, second by Kneebone, that if this is project not successful, this money be nullified. Dregne said that the amendment is outside the scope of the agenda Majewski withdrew his amendment.

Moved by Lawrence, second by Swangstu, to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 11-1 by roll call (Majewski in opposition).

10. **R-53-2013:** Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the Mayor's appointment of Shawn Hartlaub to the Library Board of Trustees

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

11. **R-54-2013:** Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the redevelopment plan for Redevelopment Project Area No. 2 (Redevelopment Authority approved 7-0 with Mayor Olson voting)

Moved by Christianson, second by Lawrence, to approve. Motion carried 12-0 by roll call.

12. **R-57-2013:** Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to run advertisements seeking applicants for the seat in Aldermanic District 4 left vacant by Alder Eric Olstad's resignation effective May 31, 2013

Moved by Olstad, second by Lawrence, to amend the resolution to limit the term to one year and open the seat for election in 2014. All in favor.

Moved by Hohol, second by Lawrence, to approve the amended motion. Vote carried 12-0 by acclamation.

13. R-55-2013: Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to amend the position description, wage scale, and hours of the Municipal Court Clerk position as requested by Judge Roethe (Personnel approved 5-0 with Mayor Olson voting)

Moved by Swangstu, second by Hohol, to approve. Motion carried 12-0 by roll call.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lawrence, second by Swangstu, to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Hougan, Acting City Clerk
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