

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**
Date/Time: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chambers at the Public Safety Building (2nd floor)
321 South Fourth Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin
Members: Michael Engelberger, Sid Boersma, Ron Christianson, Eric Hohol, Greg Jenson,
Paul Lawrence, Tom Majewski, Tom Selsor, Tricia Suess, Tim Swadley, Sonny
Swangstu, Pat O'Connor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olson called the meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations:

Clerk Kropf called the roll and noted that there were eleven alderpersons present, with Eric Hohol being absent and excused.

Mayor Olson proclaimed the week of April 12 through April 18, 2015 as National Volunteer Week. She also announced the winners of the 2015 Volunteer(s) of the Year Award, the 2015 Business Person(s) of the Year Award, and the 2015 Friend of Youth Award.

The 2015 Volunteer(s) of Year winners were:

- Stoughton Opera House Volunteer Ushers
- Larry Eifert
- Cindy Curtiss

The 2015 Business Person(s) of the Year winners were:

- Joe Conant, of Conant Automotive
- Dan McGlynn, of McGlynn Pharmacy

The 2015 Friend of Youth winner was:

- Tammy Benoy

Mayor Olson proclaimed April 7, 2015 as Stoughton National Service Recognition Day.

Mayor Olson proclaimed the Week of April 12 through April 18 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Update from Community Affairs and Council Policy on Council Rules Document and the reading of emails during public comment.

Aldersperson Jenson addressed the Council and stated that the CA/CP committee did review the Council Rules and noted that there were changes made. The changes that have been made by the CA/CP committee have been reviewed by the City Attorney and will be brought forward to the Council to vote on. He also noted that the current policy on the Public Comment Period for the

Council meetings does not allow the reading of emails, but that the Council may suspend the rules at any time to allow the reading of emails during a Public Comment period.

April 7, 2015 Spring Election Results

Clerk Kropf stated the results of the April 7, 2015 Spring Election. She noted that Stoughton had a city wide voter turnout of 33%.

Kettle Park West Developer Presentation

Dennis Steinkraus and Attorney O'Callaghan gave a presentation to the Council in regards to the Kettle Park West Development. They presented a development update and explained that they would be back on April 28 to request Council approval of any final adjustments to the agreement with construction to start in late June. Changes to the developer's agreement would include that the developer would pay for the public infrastructure upfront and the city would pay it back once an increment is established.

Minutes and Reports: The following minutes were entered into the record:

Minutes: Redevelopment Authority Minutes (2/11/2015), Business park North Committee Minutes (3/31/2015), Landmarks Commission Minutes (3/12/2015), Planning Commission Minutes (3/9/2015), Finance Committee Minutes (3/10/2015), and Personnel Committee Minutes (3/2/2015)

Public Comment Period:

Steve Grady, 100 E Broadway St; Spoke in opposition of the proposed pigeon ordinance.

Debra Pautz; 1497 Oak Opening Dr; Spoke in opposition of the use of TIF Financing.

Alan Porter; 3269 Lee South Ct, McFarland; Spoke in favor of the proposed pigeon ordinance.

Vonna Porter; 3269 Lee South Ct, McFarland; Spoke in favor of the proposed pigeon ordinance.

Gregory Lee; 307 S Forrest St; Spoke about the election results from the April 7, 2015 election and expressed his concern that there were tampered with.

Marlene Judd; 108 W Broadway St; Spoke in opposition of the proposed pigeon ordinance.

Gregory Lee; 307 S Forrest St; Spoke in opposition of the use of TIF Financing for the Kettle Park West Development.

Jim Blouin; 600 W Main St; Spoke in favor of the ordinance in regards to the parking of recreational vehicles.

Terry Parisi; 3718 Halverson Rd; Spoke in opposition of the use of TIF Financing for the Kettle Park West Development.

Marita Kehl; 1228 Lake Kegonsa Rd; Spoke in opposition of the Kettle Park West Development.

Rosalie Bjelde; 101 W Broadway St; Spoke in favor the proposed pigeon ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Council minutes of: March 24, 2015

R-53-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the updated position description for the Utilities Customer Service Technician position. (*Personnel recommends approval 5-0*)

Swadley requested removal of R-56-2015, authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the updated position descriptions for the City Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, and Finance Accounting Specialist, from the consent agenda to the new business.

Motion by Lawrence to approve the consent agenda, second by Jenson. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

OLD BUSINESS

O-8-2015 - Proposed ordinance to amend sections 78-105(2)(a)3.b.; 78-105(2)(b)3.b.; 78-105(2)(c)3.b.; 78-105(2)(d)3.b.; 78-105(2)(e)4.b.; 78-206(8)(z) and Appendix C. (Related to the keeping of pigeons) **SECOND READING**

Motion by Christianson, to approve O-8-2015, second by Jenson. Christianson noted that that Planning Commission denied the request. Boersma addressed the Council and noted that Palmview, CA allows racing/homing pigeons. He also noted that he felt that pigeons would carry less disease than a goose or duck. Majewski applauded Rosalie for her determination and for going about her request in the right way. Engelberger commented that he was disappointed with the Planning Commission changing the number of birds allowed and the size of the loft space, without Council direction.

Motion by Engelberger, to refer this ordinance back to a Committee of the Whole meeting at the next regular Council meeting to discuss and to draft an ordinance that is reasonable and workable, second Lawrence.

Engelberger felt that the ordinance as is not workable and that maybe if the loft size was changed and if the number of birds were changed that it would be more reasonable.

Motion to hold a Committee of the Whole meeting at the next regular Council meeting failed by a voice vote.

Motion by Majewski to amend the ordinance to allow 50 birds, instead of 25 and to change the loft space size to 140 square feet, instead of 50 square feet, as proposed in the ordinance, second by Engelberger.

Motion failed 6-5, with Christianson, Lawrence, Jenson, Suess, Swadley, and Swangstu voting no.

Original motion, to approve O-8-2015 was then reread and voted on by a by roll call vote. Motion failed 4-7, with Christianson, Lawrence, Jenson, Selsor, Suess, Swadley, Swangstu voting no.

Mayor Olson called for a ten minute recess at 9:00pm.

Mayor Olson called the Common Council meeting back to order at 9:10pm.

O-5-2015 - Proposed ordinance to amend section 78-706(5) related to exterior parking of recreational vehicles.

Motion by Christianson to approve O-5-2015, second by Lawrence. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

O-4-2015 – Proposed ordinance to amend sections 78-015; 78-205(4); 78-503; 78-504; and 78-718 for fencing regulations and other clarifications.

Motion by Christianson to approve O-4-2015, second by Lawrence. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

NEW BUSINESS

R-56-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the updated position descriptions for the City Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, and Finance Accounting Specialist.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda per Alderperson Swadley's request.

Motion by Suess to approve R-56-2015, second Lawrence. Swadley questioned the amount of money being allocated for these changes. Suess noted that these changes would not have any financial impact on the City. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

R-52-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper city officials to approve the revised job description, position title change (based on duties) and increase in compensation for the Human Resources & Risk Management Generalist position.

Motion by Suess, second by Lawrence. Human Resources Director Gillingham addressed the Council and noted that the wage range for this position would be changed to be between \$13 to \$17. She also noted that this resolution would allow the necessary changes to be made to the job description that would reflect the current duties of that position. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

R-54-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper city officials to approve the hiring of a second part-time Utilities Customer Service Technician.

Motion by Suess to approve R-54-2015, second by Swangstu. Utilities Director Kardasz discussed that this position will fill a current vacancy in the Utilities Department. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

R-55-2015- Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Officials to Allow the Administration of COBRA Benefits to be Outsourced to EBC Corporation. Therefore Eliminating Risk for Non-Compliance from the City.

Motion by Suess to approve R-55-2015 second by Christianson. Suess noted that this change would allow a third party to determine COBRA eligibility and would also make that party responsible for all billing and inquiries of COBRA Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

R-57-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the updated position description for the Deputy Clerk and increase the hours from 20/wk to 30/wk as the position will be assuming the payroll duties and other newly assigned tasks.

Motion by Suess to approve R-57-2015, second by Christianson. This job description would allow the Deputy Clerk to have an extra 10 hours a week to help complete payroll duties. Director Gillingham noted that this change would allow for the separation of duties and puts in place a set of checks and balances. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

R-58-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to update the City of Stoughton Work Rules to include the Police Sergeants.

Motion by Suess to table indefinitely, second by Lawrence. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

R-59-2015- Preliminary Resolution declaring intent to exercise Special Assessment Powers.

Motion by Christianson to approve R-59-2015, second by Lawrence. This would be for the Washington Street construction from Divison Street to Fifth Street, Fifth Street from Main Street to North Street, South Alley, Chapin Lane, Industrial Circle, and Brewer Court. Planning Director Scheel noted that this is just a preliminary resolution to exercise these powers and there will be a public hearing later on.

R-60-2015- Authorizing and directing the Director of Planning & Development to prepare and submit a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Grant for Stormwater Management Planning and Modeling.

Motion by Christianson, to approve R-60-2015, second by Lawrence. Planning Director Scheel noted that the grant would be \$36,000 and the project would commence in 2016. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sues, to adjourn, second by Lawrence. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0. The meeting of the Common council adjourned at 9:37pm.