

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**
Date/Time: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chambers at the Public Safety Building
Members: Mayor Donna Olson, Paul Lawrence, Sid Boersma, Ron Christianson, Greg Jenson, Michael Engelberger, Tom Majewski, Tom Selsor, Regina Hirsch, Tim Swadley, Sonny Swangstu, Pat O'Connor, Scott Truehl

CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations:

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

Boersma noted that tomorrow (November 11, 2015) is Veterans Day and thanked those who have served our country.

Mayor Olson welcomed the Boy Scout Troop #167 to the Council meeting.

Mayor Olson congratulated Slindes Interiors in recognition of their 75th Anniversary of having their business downtown.

Clerk Kropf noted the dates for filing for candidacy and that all of the paperwork can be located in the Clerk's Office for individuals wishing to run for an Alderperson position.

Fire Chief Wegner noted that there is currently an odor of natural gas outside and that although it doesn't smell good it is not harmful.

Minutes and Reports: The following minutes and reports were placed onto the record:

Minutes: Community Affairs and Council Policy Committee (6/2/2015), Public Safety Committee (9/23/2015), Commission on Aging (10/6/2015), and Food Pantry Committee (7/9/2015)

Reports: September Treasurer's Report

Public Comment Period:

No persons registered to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council Minutes: October 27, 2015

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

PUBLIC HEARING: 2016 City of Stoughton Operating and Capital Budget

Mayor Olson stated that the budget process began in June of 2015 and continued through October 2015. This process involves not only the Mayor, but also all of the City Department Heads. Mayor Olson and Finance Director Sullivan gave a detailed overview of the 2016 Budget.

Aldersperson Selsor joined the meeting of the Common Council at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Olson closed the meeting at 7:22 p.m. for the Public Hearing of the 2016 Budget. No person registered to speak to this matter. Mayor Olson then closed the Public Hearing of the 2016 Budget and reopened the meeting of the Common Council at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Olson asked for permission to move the old business to the end of the agenda and did so after no objection was raised.

NEW BUSINESS

R-169-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the implementation of the Springsted Compensation Plan Option 1 moving the employees identified as below the minimum compensation pay grade to minimum compensation on January 1, 2016.

Motion by Boersma, to approve R-169-2015, second by Lawrence. Swadley stated that the resolution stated that the personnel committee met Monday, October 14, 2015 and that date was a Wednesday. Ann Antonsen from Springsted along with Human Resources Director Gillingham gave an overview of the Stoughton Wage Compensation Study and their findings. Gillingham noted that the entire plan would come in phases and that this resolution would allow for the implementation of phase one. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 12-0.

R-170-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper city officials to adopt the 2016 City of Stoughton Budgets.

Motion by Lawrence, to approve R-170-2015, second by Boersma. No discussion occurred. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 12-0.

R-171-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the 2016 Stoughton Utilities (SU) Budget and Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

Motion by Lawrence, to approve R-171-2015, second by Boersma. Mayor Olson noted that the Utilities department also changed their wage increase to reflect the 1% as included in the City budget. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 12-0.

R-172-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to authorize the continuation of the Multi-Jurisdiction High Visibility OWI Program.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve R-172-2015, second by Truehl. Engelberger explained that this is a continuation of the current OWI program. Chief Leck stated that this program utilizes other communities' police departments to help cut down on alcohol related traffic offenses. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 12-0.

R-173-2015- Approving an extra-territorial jurisdictional (ETJ) Land Division Request, Certified Survey Map (CSM) by Jeff Moyer and Robert Wrase for property located adjacent to 1071 and 1079 Starr School Road, Town of Rutland, Wisconsin.

Motion by Christianson, to approve R-173-2015, second by Truehl. Christianson noted that this would adjust the current lot lines.

Motion by Majewski, to table R-173-2015, R-174-2015, and R-175-2015 until the November 24, 2015 Common Council meeting, second by Boersma. Planning Director Scheel noted that these resolutions have come to the attention of the Planning Commission with a strict deadline set forth by the County. He noted that the Planning department has reached out to the County and the Town Clerks about a more efficient method to make sure that the Council has enough time to review the information before voting on the matter. Motion failed on a vote of 3-9 with O'Connor, Swangstu, Jenson, Engelberger, Lawrence, Christianson, Swadley, Selsor and Truehl voting no.

The original motion was reread and Planning Director Scheel explained the purpose of the resolution. The original motion carried unanimously by acclamation 12-0.

R-174-2015- Approving an extra-territorial jurisdictional (ETJ) Land Division Request, Certified Survey Map (CSM) by Terry Pippenger for property located adjacent to 3173 Duncan Road, Town of Dunn, Wisconsin.

Motion by Christianson, to approve R-174-2015, second by Truehl. Planning Director Scheel noted that this would combine two lots into one parcel. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 12-0.

R-175-2015- Approving an extra-territorial jurisdictional (ETJ) Land Division Request, Certified Survey Map (CSM) by Jason Brabender for property located adjacent to 1905 Barber Drive, Town of Dunn, Wisconsin.

Motion by Christianson, to approve R-175-2015, second by Lawrence. No discussion occurred. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 12-0.

OLD BUSINESS

****Closed session item: The council may meet in closed session, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to confer with legal counsel who will render legal advice regarding strategy to be adopted with respect to potential litigation (assertions by John Stark and Atty. Brian Thill that a change in zoning of the Millfab property would be a regulatory taking, and that they may take legal action against the City). If the Council meets in closed session, it will reconvene in open session and continue with other business noted on the agenda.**

Motion by Lawrence, to go into closed session, second by Jenson. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 11-0 (Engelberger momentarily stepped out of the room.) Mayor Olson requested that the Redevelopment Authority Chair, Peter Sveum, be allowed to join the closed session conversation. The Council went into closed session at 8:46 p.m.

Motion by Lawrence, to reconvene into open session, second by Selsor. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 12-0. Open session reconvened at 9:48 p.m.

Motion by Lawrence, to suspend the Council rule 11a requiring that “all proposed ordinances shall be read a total of two (2) times at two separate meetings before the Council may vote on any of them”, second by Boersma. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 12-0.

O-17-2015- An ordinance amending the zoning classification for parcels of land bounded by Fourth and Seventh Streets and South Street and the Yahara River, Stoughton, WI. The properties are proposed to be rezoned from HI- Heavy Industrial, SR-6 – Single Family Residential, NB- Neighborhood Business and I-Institutional to MR-24- Multi- Family Residential.

Motion by Lawrence, to approve O-17-2015, second by Boersma. No discussion occurred. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 12-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council, second by Christianson. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 12-0. The meeting of the Common Council adjourned at 9:51 p.m.