

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**
Date/Time: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers (2nd Floor of Public Safety Building)
321 South Fourth Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin
Members: Mayor Donna Olson, Tim Swadley, Sid Boersma, Michael Engelberger, Regina Hirsch, Greg Jenson, Kathleen Johnson, Dennis Kittleson, Paul Lawrence, Tom Majewski, Pat O'Connor, Scott Truehl, Vacant

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.

Johnson noted that she attended a Historical Preservation conference that addressed the issue of empty storefronts.

Laura Trotter invited all present to attend the TIF presentation on October 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the EMS room.

Hirsch thanked those who attended the Visioning Workshop and would like to see another workshop in the near future.

Mayor Olson announced that the final Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

- Redevelopment Authority (8/10/2016), Commission on Aging (9/6/2016), Landmarks Commission (9/8/2016), Planning Commission- Special (9/26/2016), Public works Committee (9/20/2016), Tree Commission (9/14/2016), and Finance Committee (9/27/2016)
- Utilities Financial Reports

Public Comment Period:

Denise Wilson; 1308 Vernon St, Spoke in opposition of O-19-2016.

Rachel Halloway (JSD); 160 Horizon Dr, Verona, WI; Spoke to the Chalet Court GDP item.

Roger Springman; 812 Kriedeman Dr; Spoke in opposition of O-19-2016.

Britt Paquette- Frankhauser; 2430 Cty Rd A; Spoke in favor of O-23-2016.

Meghan Skrepinski; 1314 Vernon St; Spoke in opposition of O-19-2016.

Tonya Vike; 1851 Hammond Rd; Spoke in favor of O-23-2016.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. October 11, 2016 Council Minutes

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

Aldermanic District 4 Appointment: Interviews; appointment, administration of oath, and seating of new alderperson

Clerk Kropf interviewed the Aldermanic District #4 candidate.

Motion by Lawrence, to appoint Matt Bartlett to the seat of alderperson for District #4, second by Jenson. Motion carried 11-0.

Motion by Lawrence, to move the attorney interviews to the end of the meeting, second by Majewski. Motion carried 12-0.

OLD BUSINESS

O-19-2016- Amending the zoning classification of lots 9 – 15, Chalet Subdivision including the land platted as Chalet Court and a portion of the land dedicated as parkland (submitted as Exhibit A, Parcel A and Exhibit A, Parcel B). These properties (except for Exhibit A, Parcel B) are proposed to be rezoned from Rural Holding and Institutional to Planned Development – General Development Plan (GDP). Per request of Todd Nelson Exhibit A, Parcel B is proposed to be rezoned from Rural Holding to Institutional.

Motion by Truehl, to approve O-19-2016, second by O'Connor. Truehl explained that this proposal has been under review for more than a year. He noted that the Plan Commission recognizes that the developer has more hurdles to overcome before this project can move forward.

Motion by Lawrence, to table this item until the City receives wetland delineation information from the WDNR, second by Jenson. Motion carried 12-0.

O-20-2016- Amending Chapter 70-222 of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code; relating to placing a four-way stop on W. Milwaukee Street & Hoel Avenue and on North Street & Fifth Street.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve O-20-2016, second by Truehl. Engelberger explained that this issue came from a Community Action Request and the committee voted unanimously to move forward with the placement of the stop signs. Motion carried 12-0.

O-21-2016- Repealing Chapter 70-221 (14) of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code; relating to stopping restrictions on North Street & Fifth Street.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve O-21-2016, second by Truehl. Chief Leck explained that this removes the right turn no stop on North Street. Motion carried 12-0.

O-22-2016- Repealing Chapter 70-197 (2) of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code; relating to 10 minute parking restriction in the 200 Block of East Main Street

Motion by Engelberger, to approve O-22-2016, second by Truehl. Chief Leck explained that this is repealing the one 10 minute stall on the 200 block of East Main. Motion carried 12-0.

O-23-2016- Amending Section 50-5 and creating Section 50-15 of the City of Stoughton Municipal Ordinances; relating to anti-bullying and harassment.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve O-23-2016, second by Truehl. Engelberger explained that this ordinance came about from a citizen complaint and is something that can help deter bullying. Chief Leck agreed that this ordinance is a good tool for individuals to use to combat bullying among children and students. It also partners well with the school's existing anti-bullying ordinance. Chief Leck explained that there are not many cases within the Wisconsin case law to refer to, but that this ordinance would allow these cases to be reviewed individually. He explained that fining the parents for a child's behavior, would be the last resort for an offender. Majewski noted that he had talked to a few parents who had children within the different levels within the school district and they indicated that they were not in favor of this ordinance. Chief Leck explained that he felt that this ordinance would be a deterrent for future bullying issues as well. He noted that getting a letter from the Police Department may hold more weight than from a teacher. Engelberger explained that this ordinance will work with the school's policy and doesn't only apply to children. He further noted that bullying doesn't happen just at school, but individuals can be bullied through social media.

Motion carried on a roll call vote 10-2, with Majewski and Hirsch voting no.

O-18-2016- Amending Section 64-13 of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code; relating to snow removal in the Stoughton downtown corridor.

Motion by Majewski, to approve O-18-2016, second by Engelberger. Majewski stated that this ordinance identifies the downtown district and gives that district 24 hours to remove the snow. Kittleson questioned if Public Works Hebert had contacted the downtown district's business owners. Johnson noted that the downtown business owners will be notified of the change and educated on the new procedure. Motion carried 12-0.

NEW BUSINESS

O-17-2016- To amend Section 62-2.- Dumping in park row prohibited., to include language that would establish a time restriction for brush to be placed on the park row to no more than ten days prior to the scheduled brush collection by the city.

Majewski offered O-17-2016 as a first reading and will be available for Council consideration at the November 1, 2016 Council meeting. Kittleson asked if the language pertaining to leaves should remain within the ordinances and asked that the Public Works Director review that language.

R-115-2016- Officially designating 529 E. Main Street, historically known as the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Depot (C.M. and St. P. Depot) as a Local Landmark in the City of Stoughton, WI.

Motion by Johnson, to approve R-115-2016, second by Majewski. Peggy Vergin spoke to the Council regarding the Landmarks Commission's decision to make this site a historical landmark. Motion carried 12-0.

R-116-2016- Authorizing the Borrowing of Approximately \$850,000 from the Wisconsin State Trust Fund for the purchase of property for redevelopment.

Motion by Lawrence, to approve R-116-2016, second by Jenson. Lawrence explained that this money would be borrowed to use towards the purchase of the Mill Fab property. This money would be borrowed for 20 years at 3.5 %. Motion carried on a roll call vote 12-0.

R-117-2016- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the extension to the Agreement For Disposition Of Available Borrow Material At The Stoughton Utilities West Electric Substation Property.

Motion by Jenson, to approve R-117-2016, second by Lawrence. Utilities Director Kardasz explained that the developers have requested an extension due to inclement weather and noted that nothing else would be changed to the agreement. Motion carried 12-0.

The Common Council recessed at 8:35 p.m.

The Common Council reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

*****The council may meet in closed session under section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of interviewing candidates for appointment to the position of city attorney.***

Motion by Boersma, to move the Common Council into closed session, second by Engelberger. Motion carried by a roll call vote 12-0. The Council moved into closed session at 8:47 p.m.

*****The Council may reconvene in open session and take action on any matter discussed in closed session.***

Motion by Engelberger, to reconvene into open session, second by Swadley. Motion carried 12-0. The Council reconvened into open session 10:50 p.m.

Motion by Lawrence, to table the attorney contract agenda item until the November 1, 2016 Common Council meeting, second by Boersma. Motion carried 11-1, with O'Connor voting noe.

*****The Council may meet in closed session Per State Statute 19.85(1)(e), for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, RE: Regarding purchasing property at 425 E South Street, Stoughton, WI***

Motion by Lawrence, to go into closed session, second by Truehl. Motion carried on a roll call vote 12-0. The Council went into closed session at 10:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council, second by Jenson. Motion carried 12-0. Adjourned at 11:03 p.m.