

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**
Date/Time: Tuesday, November 1, 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, Matt Bartlett, Sid Boersma, Michael Engelberger, Regina Hirsch, Greg Jenson, Kathleen Johnson, Dennis Kittleson, Paul Lawrence, Tom Majewski, Pat O'Connor, and Scott Truehl

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olson called the meeting of the Common Council at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations:

Clerk Kropf called the roll and noted that all twelve alderpersons were present.

Kittleson asked the Council to look into participating at the Saturday downtown Trick or Treating for next year.

Clerk Kropf explained that the Fall General Election is next Tuesday, November 8, 2016 and that in-clerk's absentee voting along with registering to vote can be completed through this Friday, November 4, 2016.

Engelberger read an email from Tonya Vike regarding the anti-bullying ordinance that the City recently passed. She thanked the Council for approving the anti-bullying ordinance.

Minutes and Reports: No minutes or reports were entered onto the record.

Public Comment Period:

No person registered to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Motion by Lawrence, to approve the consent agenda, second by Jenson. Motion carried 12-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2017 City of Stoughton Operating and Capital Budgets

Finance Director Sullivan gave a detailed overview of the 2017 City Budget. She explained that the budget is balanced and includes the addition of an IT Department, an added Fleet Maintenance Employee, and the implementation of Phase II of the Springsted Wage Compensation Study. She noted that the City's tax levy increased by 1.938% in net new construction and that the increase would actually allow the decrease of the City's Tax rate by 1.93%. She noted that this increase allowed the Mill Rate decrease by \$0.17, which means that the total tax decrease would be \$16.67 per \$100,000 valued home.

Mayor Olson opened Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

No persons registered to speak during the Public Hearing.

Mayor Olson closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. and resumed the Common Council meeting.

OLD 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 or leaves to be placed on the park row to no more than ten days prior to the scheduled brush collection by the city.

Motion by Majewski, to approve O-17-2016, second by Swadley. Public Works Director Hebert did note that leaves should be included in this ordinance to hinder citizens from keeping their leaves on the park row along with brush. Kittleson questioned about the pickup schedule and felt that the language should be within the ordinance. Majewski expressed concerns with including a pickup schedule within the ordinance because if the pickup schedule were to change, the Council would have to amend ordinance every time. Motion carried 11-1, with Kittleson voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

R-121-2016- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to adopt the 2017 City of Stoughton Budget.

Motion by Swadley, to approve R-121-2016, second by Lawrence. Boersma expressed concerns with the addition of the IT Department and would like to see an outside contract obtained rather than in house. He also spoke in opposition of the proposed Public Works building. Kittleson also spoke in opposition of the addition of the IT Department and encourages the City to seek an outside contract. He wanted to see that money be used to either fund another officer or an Economic Developer for the City. He also spoke to concerns of where the proposed Public Works building is going to be placed.

Lawrence and Swadley spoke to the need of a City IT Department and noted that this will be the first year for this department. Swadley noted that for next year he would like to see more committee involvement with the budget process and to set goals as a Council along with an action plan to achieve those goals. Engelberger noted that he does support the budget, but for next year, would like to see the addition of a police officer and an economic developer. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 10-2, with Kittleson and Boersma voting no.

R-110-2016- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the implementation of Phase II of the Compensation Plan.

Motion by Swadley, to approve R-110-2016, second by Lawrence. Swadley noted that this would allow every employee to be brought up by 2% on the wage scale and to bring three department heads to the mid-point range. Motion carried by a roll call vote 12-0.

R-122-2016- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the 2017 Stoughton Utilities (SU) Budget and Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

Motion by Swadley, to approve R-122-2016, second by Lawrence. No Council discussion occurred. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 11-1, with Majewski voting noe.

R-118-2016- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to issue a “Class B” Winery License to Mershonian Cidery, LLC, Aaron Bloomer, agent, d/b/a Mershon’s Cidery located at 280 Business Park Cir #7.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve R-118-2016, second by Truehl. Clerk Kropf noted that this type of license is new to the City and that before a business can apply for this type they must obtain a Winery Permit from the State. Engelberger noted that there were some contingencies from the Planning Department that need to be met before the license could be issued. Clerk Kropf noted that those contingencies had been met. Motion carried 11-1, with Boersma voting noe.

R-119-2016- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to issue a Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage License and a “Class C” Wine License to Morelia’s Café, LLC, Jefte Galvan, agent, d/b/a Morelia’s Cafe located at 620 Nygaard St.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve R-119-2016, second by Truehl. Engelberger stated that this license was before the Public Safety Committee and they recommended approval for this new business’s license. Motion carried 11-0, with Boersma abstaining.

R-120-2016- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to issue an Operator License to Mary Haug.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve R-120-2016, second by Truehl. Engelberger noted that the applicant did not appear and that results in an automatic denial. Motion failed 0-12.

*****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 Swadley, to meet in closed session, second by Boersma. Motion carried by a roll call vote 11-1, with O’Connor voting noe. The Council went into closed session at 8:15 p.m.

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

Motion by Engelberger, to reopen into the Council meeting, second by Truehl. Motion carried 12-0.

Motion by Lawrence, to award the contract for legal services to Stafford & Rosenbaum, LLP, second by Jenson. Motion carried 10-0 with Kittleson abstaining and Johnson voting noe.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council, second by Johnson. Motion carried 12-0. The meeting of the Common Council adjourned at 9:04 p.m.