

January 26, 2010

Common Council Minutes
Council Chambers, Public Safety Building

Mayor Jim Griffin 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, January 26, 2010 convening at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Alme called the roll and the following Alderpersons were present: Carter, Christianson, Chenoweth, Jenson, Lawrence, McKichan, Odland, Olstad, Scovotti, Swangstu, Tone and Weiss.

Moved by Tone, seconded by Olstad, to approve the claims, as recommended by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$424,936.92. Motion carried unanimously on roll call.

Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Chenoweth, to approve the claims, as recommended by the Utilities Committee, in the amount of \$1,628,469.00. Motion carried unanimously on roll call.

Communications: Mayor Griffin thanked all those involved in the recent Stoughton Hospital evacuation. Mayor Griffin thanked all the fire and EMS volunteers for their dedication to the emergency services. Mayor Griffin reminded the viewing audience that the candidate forum will take place on Thursday evening. Alderperson Weiss stated that he has received three calls from constituents that the size of the new garbage containers is too small.

Public Comment Period: None.

Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Tone, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: The minutes of the January 12, 2010 Common Council Meeting and the following reports: Police & Fire Commission, Landmarks Commission(2), Personnel Committee(3), Utilities Committee, Public Works Committee, Library Board, Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Committee, Utilities Financial & Statistical Reports. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

Moved by McKichan, seconded by Carter, to adopt an ordinance to amend sections 78-105(2)(f)7a.A, 78-105(2)(h)7a, 78-105(5)(a)8a, 78-407(1) and 78-407(2) of the City of Stoughton Zoning Code. Motion carried unanimously on roll call.

Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Olstad, to approve the creation of a Utilities Ad Hoc Governance Committee as recommended by the Utilities Committee. Motion carried by acclamation with Alderpersons Chenoweth and Scovotti voting no.

Moved by Tone, seconded by Carter, to award a contract to Strand Associates in the amount of \$29,737.00 to provide stormwater utility consulting services with funds to come from contingency. Motion carried unanimously on roll call.

Moved by Christianson, seconded by Tone, to approve the proposed compensation adjustment for the Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor, as presented. Motion failed 5-7 on roll call with Alderpersons Carter, McKichan, Odland, Olstad, Scovotti, Swangstu and Tone voting no.

Council President Chenoweth reported that the Committee of the Whole voted to take no action on the DaneCom Interoperability Radio System until the Dane County Cities and Villages Association (DCCVA) make their final proposal in Mid-February and that a recommendation will come back to the Council from the Mayor's office at that time.

Moved by Christianson, seconded by Tone, to approve a successor contract between the City of Stoughton and the WPPA (Dispatch Unit) for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously on roll call.

Moved by Christianson, seconded by Tone, to close the meeting per State Statute 19.85(1)(e), 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, at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

Moved by Christianson, seconded by McKichan, to open the meeting for the regular course of business at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Jenson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Luann J. Alme
City Clerk/Personnel Director