

# City of Stoughton

## Common Council Minutes

### May 10, 2011

Mayor Donna Olson presided at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Stoughton, Dane County, Wisconsin, held in the Council Chambers located in the Public Safety Building, on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Mayor Olson noted a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

#### **Roll Call / Proclamations/ Presentations:**

Deputy Clerk Pili Hougan called the roll, noting 9 Alderpersons were present as follows: Weiss, Swangstu, Swadley, Christianson, Lawrence, Chenoweth, Jenson, Hohol, Peterson. Excused: McKichan, Scovotti, Olstad.

Utilities Director, Robert Kardasz gave a brief presentation on Utility Operations. He reviewed significant accomplishments in 2010 and thanked the council for their support.

#### **Reports / Claims / Communications:**

The following minutes were presented and placed on file: Community Affairs Council Policy 4/14/2011, Commission on Aging 4/5/2011, ~~Finance 4/12/2011~~ (*\*Removed from consideration & referred back to Finance Committee*), Landmarks 4/5/2011, Opera House 3/22/2011, Personnel 3/28/2011, Police & Fire 4/25/211

Lawrence asked that the Finance Committee minutes be taken out of consent.

Alderperson Greg Jenson reported the City has improved its method of delivering the Tower Times while saving \$9,000 in expenses. He thanked those staff members involved in accomplishing this task. He also indicated the great job done with River Task and thanked those involved.

Alderperson Eric Hohol clarified the misconception of a HUB article that report CARPC voted against the City's application. He noted the voted only failed one vote short of the 2/3 majority required. He stated there is significant support of the application.

Mayor Donna Olson stated the week of May 16<sup>th</sup> is National Public Power Week and thanked all those who care for our municipal streets. She welcomed and thanked the high school government class for attending the meeting.

#### **Public Comment:**

None.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Lawrence, second by Jenson to adopt items listed on the consent agenda as indicated. Motion carried 9-0.

1. Minutes of previous meeting(s): 4/19/2011 & 4/26/2011.

**Old Business:**

\*Motion by Lawrence, second by Chenoweth to refer back to Finance Committee the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting dated 4/12/2011. Motion carried 9-0.

O-4-2011

Motion by Hohol, second by Lawrence an ordinance of the Planning Commission amending multiple sections of the Zoning Code of the Stoughton Municipal Code for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion carried 9-0, by roll call vote.

ROLL CALL O4	Yes	No
Swadley	1	
McKichan		
Christianson	1	
Lawrence	1	
Scovotti		
Chenoweth	1	
Jenson	1	
Hohol	1	
Olstad		
Peterson	1	
Weiss	1	
Swangstu	1	
Result	9	0

**New Business:**

R-46-2011

Motion by Lawrence, second by Chenoweth to adopt a resolution preliminary resolution of the Finance Committee declaring intent to exercise special assessment powers under Section 66.0701, Wisconsin Statutes, in the City of Stoughton for the improvement of Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter, Driveway Aprons and Carriage Walks on West Jefferson Street, Harrison Street and West South Street within the City of Stoughton. Motion carried 9-0, by roll call vote.

ROLL CALL R46	Yes	No
McKichan		
Christianson	1	
Lawrence	1	
Scovotti		
Chenoweth	1	
Jenson	1	
Hohol	1	

Olstad		
Peterson	1	
Weiss	1	
Swangstu	1	
Swadley	1	
Result	9	0

R-47-2011

Motion by Lawrence, second by Christianson to adopt a joint resolution of the Public Works and Finance Committees authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to award the 2011 Street Pulverization Project Bid to B.R. Amon & Sons and allocate funding for additional projects as indicated. Motion carried 9-0, by roll call vote.

ROLL CALL R47	Yes	No
Christianson	1	
Lawrence	1	
Scovotti		
Chenoweth	1	
Jenson	1	
Hohol	1	
Olstad		
Peterson	1	
Weiss	1	
Swangstu	1	
Swadley	1	
McKichan		
Result	9	0

R-48-2011

Motion by Lawrence, second by Chenoweth to adopt a joint resolution of the Public Safety and Finance Committees authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to transfer \$8,000 from the Radio Equipment Sinking Fund to the 2011 Police Department Outlay Fund. Motion carried 9-0, by roll call vote.

ROLL CALL R48	Yes	No
Lawrence	1	
Scovotti		
Chenoweth	1	
Jenson	1	
Hohol	1	
Olstad		
Peterson	1	
Weiss	1	

Swangstu	1	
Swadley	1	
McKichan		
Christianson	1	
Result	9	0

R-49-2011

Motion by Chenoweth, second by Hohol to confirm the Mayor's Appointments pursuant to 2-127 of the Stoughton Municipal Code, for citizen appointments to Non-Standing Boards, Committees and Commissions. Motion carried 9-0.

R-50-2011

Motion by Jenson, second by Lawrence to adopt a joint resolution of the Public Safety and Personnel Committees authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to increase the number of part-time dispatchers in their pool of workers as necessary. Motion carried 9-0.

Aldersperson Jenson gave a brief explanation noting that this measure has no fiscal impact, but could actually reduce overtime. He noted having this pool has saved \$5,300 and there is potential of saving up to \$15,000.

Aldersperson Chenoweth indicated he has some reservations. He noted the plan is good but would like to see this come back to Public Safety prior to the adoption of the budget to assess the actual savings. He indicated he would like to see accountability and asked the Chair of Public Safety to place this on a future agenda. Swadley questioned whether there was a cost for training. Chief Leck indicated usually not.

Motion by Lawrence, second by Christianson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. Mayor Olson wished everyone a "Happy Syttende Mai".

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Michaels, WCMC, CMC  
City Clerk/Personnel Director