

City of Stoughton

Common Council Minutes

July 12, 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, July 12, 2011. Mayor Olson noted a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call / Proclamations/ Presentations:

Clerk Kelly Michaels called the roll, indicating 10 Alderpersons present as follows: Swangstu, Swadley, Christianson, Lawrence, Scovotti, Chenoweth, Jenson, Hohol, Olstad, Peterson. Excused: McKichan, Not Present: Weiss

Reports / Claims / Communications:

Alderperson Scovotti announced that Alderperson McKichan had contacted him to present for him as his grandson was born this afternoon and he will be with family this evening. Mayor Olson communicated congratulations to the McKichan family on behalf of the City.

The following minutes were presented and placed on file: Personnel 6/13/2011, Finance 6/14/2011.

Public Comment:

Richard Hoffman, 801 West Street spoke in opposition of the special assessment resolution as it relates to R-51-2011. He urged the council to look at the method at which special assessment are being assessed. He felt there were legal questions as to the actual benefit to property owners.

Old Business:

O-12-2011

Motion by Hohol, second by Lawrence to adopt an ordinance of the Planning Commission rezoning 607 Kensington from PD, Planned Development to PD-GDP, Planned Development General Development Plan. Public Hearing held on June 13, 2011 (2nd Reading). Motion carried 10-0 by roll call vote.

O-13-2011

Motion by Hohol, second by Christianson to adopt an ordinance of the Planning Commission amending Chapter 30, Floodplain Zoning of the Stoughton Municipal Code (2nd Reading). Motion carried 10-0 by roll call vote.

Planning Director, Rodney Scheel gave a brief summary of the amendments noting it maximizes the number of years before the dam would require a flood analysis.

R-51-2011

Motion by Scovotti, second by Lawrence to approve a joint resolution of the Finance and Public Works Committees authorizing improvements and levying special assessments against benefited property in the City of Stoughton for the improvement of curb and gutter in the 2011 Grind and Overlay Street Project at various locations as indicated in the project parcel listing. Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote.

Aldersperson Scovotti noted this resolution was referred back to Public Works Committee by Council at the last meeting. He noted that the project was originally identified as a grind overlay, however in reviewing the project closer it was clarified that there are sub street level concerns which require curb and gutter replacement in this project. He explained that the fix to the road is such that in order to get into the road bed, you must work edge to edge. That requires the curb and gutter be completely removed regardless of the condition of that curb area.

Hohol thanked the committee for taking a second look at the project. Chenoweth agreed and note he was originally opposed but after reviewing the project, he felt it made sense and is well justified. Street Director, Karl Manthe explained the project process for the television viewing audience.

Jenson noted he was also in opposition at the last meeting and still remains skeptical as to how we are addressing special assessments financially speaking. Peterson agreed and felt it would be wise for the Council to take a look at the financing of special assessments as an underlying policy, but he did see the benefit of the project presented.

R-77-2011

Motion by Lawrence, second by Hohol, to adopt a resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to award the Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Ramp Bid to Yeske Construction Company. Motion carried 10-0 by roll call vote.

R-66-2011

Motion by Lawrence, second by Hohol to adopt a joint resolution of the Personnel and Finance Committee authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to enter into a corporate membership agreement for fitness services between the City of Stoughton and Navitas Health & Fitness. Motion carried 10-0 by roll call.

NEW BUSINESS:

R-87-2011

Motion by Lawrence, second by Chenoweth to adopt a resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to enter into an agreement with the low bidder, RG Huston Co., for the 2011 Jefferson Street Stormwater Project. Motion carried 10-0 by roll call vote.

Planning Director Rodney Scheel reported they had seven bidders this time and were happy to see the project proceed. He noted the bids were very attractive and reminded council this is Phase II of a several year project.

R-89-2011

Motion by Jenson, second by Lawrence to adopt a resolution of the Personnel Committee authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to take such action as to create partial parity between the non-represented employees and represented employees as it relates to WRS contributions to December 31, 2011. Motion failed on a tie vote of 5-5 by roll call vote. Mayor Olson broke the tie by voting Aye. Motion carried 6-5.

R-90-2011

Motion by Jenson, second by Swangstu to adopt a resolution of the Personnel Committee accepting the advice of Attorney Crone as it relates to meeting with employees, individually or as a group.

Motion by Olstad, second by Lawrence to refer the matter back to Personnel Committee. Motion carried 7-3.

CLOSED SESSION R-88-2011:

Motion by Christianson, second by Swadley to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session in order to consider land purchase(s) as it relates to the Business Park Expansion and then reconvening into open session for the possible purpose of taking action on the item considered in closed session if warranted or continuing the agenda as posted. Motion carried 12-0 on a roll call vote.

Motion by Scovotti, second by Chenoweth to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lawrence, second by Olstad to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Michaels, WCMC, CMC
City Clerk/Personnel Director