



## OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Community Affairs/Council Policy Committee of the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting as indicated on the date, time and location given below.

Meeting of the:

Date /Time:

Location:

Members:

### **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/COUNCIL POLICY OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**

**Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Hall of Fame Room/City Hall (381 E Main St, Stoughton WI 53589)**

David Kneebone, Greg Jenson (C), Ron Christianson (VC), Ross Urven, Mayor Olson (ex-officio)

\*Note-For security reasons, the front doors of the City Hall building (including the elevator door) will be locked after 4:30 p.m. If you need to enter City Hall after that time, please use the entrance on the east side of City Hall (the planning department door). If you are physically challenged and are in need of the elevator or other assistance, please call 873-6677 prior to 4:30 p.m.

Item #	CALL TO ORDER
1.	Communications

Item #	NEW BUSINESS
2.	Minutes of October 9, 2013.
3.	Discussion regarding the Resolution to join with the Move to Amend campaign to call for an Amendment to the US Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood and the doctrine of Money as Speech.
4.	Future agenda items.

cc: Mayor Olson, Utilities Director Bob Kardasz, Senior Center Director Cindy McGlynn, City Council Members, Department Heads, City Attorney, Stoughton Newspapers/Wi State Journal, Deputy Clerk Pili Hougan, Library Administrative Assistant Debbie Myren, Bill Livick [oregonobserver@wcinet.com](mailto:oregonobserver@wcinet.com)

Note-An expanded meeting may constitute a quorum of the Council.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/COUNCIL POLICY MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, October 09, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Ed Overland Room, City of Stoughton, WI**

**Present:** Alderpersons David Kneebone, Greg Jenson, Ross Urven

**Absent & Excused:** Ron Christianson

**Others in attendance:** Mayor Donna Olson, Lois Quale, Cindy McGlynn, Bill Brehm, Acting Clerk Pili Hougan

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by Chair Jenson.

**Communications:** None.

**Minutes of September 3, 2013:** Moved by Jenson, second by Urven, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor.

**Review of the 2014 Budgeting for Outcomes Offers for the committees that Community Affairs/Council Policy has oversight of:** Lois Quale representing the City of Stoughton Food Pantry presented the Food Pantry Budget, and explained the budget for the food pantry primarily consists solely on donations.

Cindy McGlynn explained the Holiday Fund and Seniors in Need are based solely on donations, and the money not spent is rolled over into the next year. Commission on Aging does not have a budget. She presented the four offers for the Senior Center which are Information and Assistance, Case Management, Nutrition Services, and Programming.

Bill Brehm presented offers for Media Services which includes WSTO, Interdepartmental Media Tech Support, Phone Administration and Support, and City Web Page and Support. He then presented the offers for the Opera House.

**Future agenda items:** No future agenda items at this time, the next meeting may be cancelled due to a possible lack of agenda items.

Moved by Urven, second by Kneebone, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pili Hougan, Acting Clerk/Deputy City Clerk

**Whereas**, government of, by, and for the people has long been a cherished American value, and We The People's fundamental and inalienable right to self-govern, and thereby secure rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness is guaranteed in the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and;

**Whereas**, free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance, and;

**Whereas**, persons are rightfully recognized as human beings whose essential needs include clean air, clean water, safe and secure food, and;

**Whereas**, corporations are entirely human-made legal fictions created by express permission of We The People and our government, and;

**Whereas**, corporations can exist in perpetuity, can exist simultaneously in many nations at once, need only profit for survival, and exist solely through the legal charter imposed by the government of We The People, and;

**Whereas**, in addition to these advantages, the great wealth of large corporations allows them to wield coercive force of law to overpower human beings and communities, thus denying We The People's exercise of our Constitutional rights, and;

**Whereas**, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution, and The People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations, nor have We decreed that corporations have authority that exceeds the authority of We The People of the United States, and;

**Whereas**, interpretation of the US Constitution by appointed Supreme Court justices to include corporations in the term 'persons' has long denied We The Peoples' exercise of self- governance by endowing corporations with Constitutional protections intended for We The People, and;

**Whereas**, the illegitimate judicial bestowal of civil and political rights upon corporations usurps basic human and Constitutional rights guaranteed to human persons, and also empowers corporations to sue municipal and state governments for adopting laws that violate 'corporate rights' even when those laws serve to protect and defend the rights of human persons and communities, and;

**Whereas**, corporations are not and have never been human beings, and therefore are rightfully subservient to human beings and governments as our legal creations, and;

**Whereas**, large corporations' profits and survival are often in direct conflict with the essential needs and rights of human beings, and;

**Whereas**, the recent Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission Supreme Court decision that rolled back the legal limits on spending in the electoral process creates an unequal playing field and allows unlimited spending by wealthy individuals, corporations and other entities to influence elections, candidate selection, policy decisions and sway votes, and forces elected officials to divert their attention from The Peoples' business, or even vote against the interest of their human constituents, in order to ensure competitive campaign funds for their own re-election, and;

**Whereas**, the judicial interpretation to construe spending money in political campaigns as speech is contrary of the notion of one person, one vote and allows those with the most money to have an unfair advantage in a political system that should be about ensuring that all citizens have equal access to the political process and to influencing the outcome of elections, and;

**Whereas**, money is property, not speech, and;

**Whereas**, tens of thousands of people and municipalities across the nation are joining with the Move to Amend campaign to call for an Amendment to the US Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood and the doctrine of Money as Speech;

**Therefore be it resolved** that the City of Stoughton hereby calls on our legislators to call for an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood and the doctrine of Money as Speech.

**Be it further resolved** that the City of Stoughton calls on other communities and jurisdictions to join with us in this action by passing similar Resolutions. Be it further resolved that the City of Stoughton supports education to increase public awareness of the threats to our democracy posed by Corporate Personhood, and encourages lively discussion to build understanding and consensus to take appropriate community and municipal actions to democratically respond to these threats.