

Public Works Committee
Thursday, February 16th, 2023
(Hybrid Meeting)

Members Present: Tom Majewski, Kay Rashka, Rachel Venegas, Jeffrey Bartzen and Mayor Swadley

Absent/Excused: Fred Hundt & Jean Ligocki

Staff: Public Works Director Brett Hebert, Planning Director Rodney Scheel

Guests:

Call to Order: *Majewski* called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

1) **Communications:**

- *Director Hebert* advised that the Public Works crews have been out all day working hard to keep main roads open and he is hoping everyone is able to go home by midnight tonight.

2) **Approve January 19th, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Rashka to approve the minutes and seconded by Venegas. Motion carried 5-0.

3) **Old Business:** Amending Section 66-904(8) of the Stoughton Municipal Code – Stormwater Basin Aesthetics

Director Scheel presented the current ordinance and highlighted the area that was modified in 2021 along with the suggested language provided by *Majewski*. This was taken to Council the night before for the first reading. He also stated he has been working with consultants and they provided suggested more specific language for consideration as well as an exhibit to visually put into perspective. *Majewski* agreed it was more technical and liked that the landscaping requirements were also addressed since it hadn't been before. However, he advised that he thought the language that was discussed at last month's meeting should also be included as well as a better diagram. *Director Scheel* will continue to work with the consultants to compile alternate wording as well as a new diagram and bring back to Public Works before it goes to Council for a second reading.

This has been Tabled to next month's meeting.

New Business:

4 **Review and Approve the Contract for Tree Removal Service**

Director Hebert stated that they received two bids for tree removal services that included costs for emergency work as well; although the Forestry Department as much as they can in house there are times such as emergency work that they do need to contract out for. *Director Hebert* also presented

a spreadsheet of costs for each company; Tree Wise Men (who we currently use) as well as Jim's Tree Service (who we've used in previous years)

**Motion by Majewski to approve contract for Tree Removal Services, seconded by Venegas.
Motion carried 5-0**

5) Review and Potential Approval of Amendments to Ordinance 62-2 and Bulky on Call Program Set out Limits

Director Hebert stated the City of Stoughton has had a bulk collection program for ten years. This service collects bulky items curbside once per month for items that will not fit into the standard trash or recycling cart. Currently there are no limits as to what can be set out at the curb and how much of each specific item(s). *Director Hebert* offered amendments to the ordinance to get the Committee's feedback on this before sending to a lawyer for consulting. Hem then also presented a list of acceptable items and how many of each to set perimeters so that residents aren't abusing the service. Discussion was had about how the current ordinance is not currently very specific and the list of acceptable items should be more refined to specify if a resident or property owner could put all of these items out at once or if there is a limit of how many items per pick up.

This has been Tabled for next month's meeting for more specifics.

7) Future Agenda Items:

8) Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Venegas, seconded by Bartzen to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm pm. Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted by Jen Wagner 2/17/2023