City of Stoughton – Committee of the Whole
Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was a hybrid meeting located in the Common Council chambers (2nd floor of the Public Safety Building, 321 S. Fourth St) as well as concurrently held via Zoom.

Committee members present: Regina Hirsch (President), Lisa Reeves (Vice President), Phil Caravello, Ben Heili (remote), Greg Jenson, Jean Ligocki (remote), Tim Swadley (Mayor), Joyce Tikalsky (remote) and Rachel Venegas (remote)
Members absent: Fred Hundt, Tom Majewski, Frank Raff and Brett Schumacher
Guests present: Dave Ehlinger, Brett Hebert (remote) and Jerry Wendt (Stoughton Area Community Foundation)

1. **Call to order** – Hirsch called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. **Roll call and verification of quorum** – A quorum was present.
3. **Certification of compliance with open meeting law** – Ehlinger indicated the meeting was properly noticed.
4. **Public comment** - None
5. **Communications** - None
6. **Reports**
    a. **ARPA funding matrix 2023 – Finance Dept format 04/04/2023**
    b. **ARPA funding matrix 2023 – Hirsch proposal 02/26/2023**
    c. **Tablet and Laptop Lending Project – Stoughton Area Senior Center**

General discussion from each member present as to their top priorities for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Wendt responded to various questions regarding the Stoughton Area Community Foundation process. Hebert answered questions regarding digital signs and indicated he would provide additional information to the Committee of the Whole the next day. Swadley indicated that he would provide additional information related to the Stoughton Opera House.

Motion by Caravello/Swadley to recommend to the Common Council the allocation of $100,000 in ARPA funds to the Stoughton Area Community Foundation (SACF). Motion by Hirsch/Ligocki to amend the motion to include requesting the SACF Board consider grant awards up to $20,000 per application and to also consider including project staff costs as part of the grant award. The motion to amend passed 9-0. The motion as amended passed 9-0. Ehlinger was directed to include this item as a time sensitive item on both the Finance Committee and Common Council agendas for April 11th.

Motion by Ligocki/Tikalsky to recommend to the Common Council (a) the allocation of $20,000 in ARPA funds to the Stoughton Neighborhood Free Health Clinic and (b) $25,000 in ARPA funds to Stoughton Area Resource Team, Inc. (START). The motion passed 9-0.

Motion by Jenson/Venegas to recommend to the Common Council the allocation of $200,000 in ARPA funds for (a) the creation of a revolving loan fund for businesses with the city limits of Stoughton with (b) the administration of the newly created revolving loan fund administered by the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WBBIC) and (c) the maximum loan amounts would mirror the current limits for the existing revolving loan fund of the City of Stoughton Redevelopment Authority. The motion passed 9-0.

Motion by Reeves/Ligocki to recommend to the Common Council the allocation of $90,000 in ARPA funds for three (3) digital signs for the Public Works Department. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Hirsch/Heili for the tentative allocation of (a) $100,000 in ARPA funds for the City of Stoughton Sustainability Committee for green initiatives. Motion by Venegas/Heili to amend the motion to increase the tentative allocation to $250,000. The motion to amend passed 7-2 with Caravello and Ligocki voting against the amendment. The motion as amended passed 7-2 with Caravello and Ligocki voting against the amended motion. Heili anticipated that more information on the green initiative recommendations from the Sustainability Committee would be available in 4th quarter 2023.

Motion by Ligocki/Hirsch for the tentative allocation of $50,000 in ARPA funds for diversity, equity and inclusion activities. The motion passed 9-0.

Motion by Hirsch/Jenson to recommend to the Common Council the allocation of $2,000 in ARPA funds for the Tablet and Laptop Lending Project in the Stoughton Area Senior Center. The motion passed 9-0.

Motion at 8:59 p.m. to adjourn by Caravello. The motion did not have a second and was withdrawn.

7. **Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes for 03/02/2023** – Motion by Reeves/Caravello to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion passed 9-.0
8. **R-040-2023 Clarification regarding digital signs** ***(Finance Committee referred resolution to Committee of the Whole on 03/14/2023 by consensus. Common Council postposed the resolution on 03/14/2023)*** – No discussion or action taken.
9. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding requests** – See detail under Reports.
10. **Adjourn** – Motion by Caravello/Jenson to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion passed 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Ehlinger, CPA
Director of Finance/Comptroller
City of Stoughton