

Meetings of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**

Date//Time: Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Location: The meeting of the Common Council will be conducted as a hybrid meeting.

Members: Mayor Tim Swadley, Patrick, Butler, Phil Caravello, Ben Heili, Regina Hirsch, Greg Jenson, Jean Ligocki, Tom Majewski, Daniel Payton, Lisa Reeves, Jonathan Schroerlucke, Brett Schumacher and Christina Wozniak Scanlon

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Swadley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call Deputy Clerk Nimmo called the roll, there were 11 alders present. Schroerlucke was absent and excused.

Certification of compliance with open meetings law

Mayor Swadley noted the meeting had been properly noticed.

3. Public Comment Period:

No public comments.

4. Communications and Presentations:

Alder Ligocki expressed her gratitude of appreciation for the Community of Stoughton.

Finance Director Ehlinger talked about the levy limit, new construction values and preliminary equalized value for the 2024 budget and how this will affect the mill rate.

5. Consent Agenda:

A. Council Minutes – July 11, 2023 and July 25, 2023

B. Committee Minutes and Reports: Finance (7/25/2023); Commission on Aging (7/11/23)

Motion by Jenson, second by Majewski to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 11-0

OLD BUSINESS

6. R-127-2023 Pre-annexation agreement for Greenbriar Farms Limited Partnership (*Finance Committee considering on August 8, 2023*)

Motion by Schumacher, second by Reeves to approve resolution as drafted. Motion carried 11-0.

7. O-25-2023 Ordinance to annex approximately 34 acres from the Town of Dunn (Greenbriar Farms Limited Partnership) west of US Hwy 51 between Rutland-Dunn Town Line Road and County Highway B (*Plan Commission recommended approval 6-0 on July 10, 2023*) (*Note: The original ordinance number was O-23-2023 on the July 11, 2023 agenda*)

Planning Director Scheel explained the annexations and the best interest for the public to annex into the city. The first reading petitioner name was incorrect on the July 11, 2023 agenda and this has been corrected.

Motion by Caravello, second by Payton to approve the ordinance as corrected. Motion carried 11-0.

8. O-23-2023 Rezoning of Certified Survey Map (CSM), Lot 1 at the Chalet Subdivision. (*Plan Commission recommends approval 6 – 0*)

Motion by Caravello, second by Hirsch to approve the ordinance as drafted. Motion carried 11-0.

9. O-24-2023 Creating Section 58-14 of the Stoughton Municipal Code, relating to the prohibition of fishing in City owned storm water ponds that use mechanical aeration devices. (*Public Works recommends approval 5-0*)

Director Herbert explained they have had to replace two units already due to fishing lines causing damage.

Motion by Majewski, second by Reeves to approve the ordinance as drafted. Motion carried 11-0.

NEW BUSINESS

10. R-125-2023 Affirm City of Stoughton payment of basic life insurance premiums for Minnesota Life for all covered employees (*Finance Committee considering on August 8, 2023*)

Motion by Schumacher, second by Majewski to approve the resolution as drafted. Motion carried 11-0.

11. R-126-2023 Closure of Fidelity Investment Accounts owned by Firefighters Pension Board (*Finance Committee considering on August 8, 2023*)

Finance Director Ehlinger explained the fund was not accessible as it was in a former Finance Director's name (John Neil). Alder Payton questioned what will happen in the future after other retirements? Director Ehlinger said it will now be put as a position instead of a name, therefore as the position is then filled with a new director it will be the position not the name that will have access to the accounts.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Reeves to approve the resolution as drafted. Motion carried 11-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Majewski, second by Caravello to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried 11-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Nimmo
Deputy Clerk