

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

Date//Time: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 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 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call

Clerk Christen called the roll, and 10 alders were present. Wozniak Scanlon and Majewski were absent and excused.

Certification of compliance with open meetings law

Mayor Swadley noted the meeting had been properly noticed.

Public Comment Period:

No one signed up

Communications and Presentations:

A. Property title search – Greenspire properties

B. (Potential) Sale of Greenspire property to Stoughton Housing Authority

Director Ehlinger updated the Council that the title search cleared and there was nothing further to do for it.

C. Emmi Roth – Gary Becker provided an update that a meeting had been held, and the City offered \$1.8 million towards their \$3.5 million solar installation request. They were grateful but this is short of the initial request and will discuss this at the corporate level. Becker also noted that there may be funds available as well from the USDA Rural Energy program, upwards of \$1 million, with application due by December 13, 2023.

D. Mayor Swadley informed the council that Director Dan Glynn has accepted a position in Minnesota, his end date is November 30, 2023, with the City.

5. Consent Agenda:

A. Council Minutes – November 7, 2023

B. Committee Minutes and Reports: Housing Authority (8/16/23); Redevelopment Authority (9/13/23); Personnel (8/07/23, 9/13/23, 9/25/23); Food Pantry (8/16/23); Finance (9/12/23, 9/26/23, 10/10/23); Public Safety Committee (9/27/23); Landmarks (10/1/23)

C. **R-177-2023** Resolution authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve a Class B Beer License for Benjoe Food, LLC, Ombeni Pallangyo, Owner/Agent, dba Ben's, for the premises located at 210 & 214 West Water Street.

Motion by Jenson, second by Schroerlucke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 9-0-1 abstention. (Ligocki)

OLD BUSINESS

R-164-2023 Conditional use request for a Bed and Breakfast at 217-219 S. Fourth Street.

Motion by Caravello, second by Schroerlucke to approve R-164-2023 Conditional use request for a Bed and Breakfast at 217-219 S. Fourth Street. (Confirmed by Ashley Kirch this is a Bed and Breakfast not an Air B & B.) Motion carried 10-0.

NEW BUSINESS

R-173-2023 Billing Services Agreement – EMS Management & Consultants, Inc.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Reeves to approve R-173-2023 Billing Services Agreement – EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. Motion carried 10-0.

R-174-2023 Waiver agreement to allow Quarles & Brady to represent Stoughton Hospital for easement negotiations.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Reeves to approve R-174-2023 Waiver agreement to allow Quarles & Brady to represent Stoughton Hospital for easement negotiations. Motion carried 10-0.

R-175-2023 Real estate purchase and sale agreement – Stoughton Riverfront Development, LLC.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Jenson to approve R-175-2023 Real estate purchase and sale agreement – Stoughton Riverfront Development, LLC. Motion carried 10-0.

R-176-2023 Agreement to undertake development – Stoughton Riverfront Development Phase I.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Reeves to approve R-176-2023 Agreement to undertake development – Stoughton Riverfront Development Phase I. Motion carried 10-0.

R-178-2023 Authorizing and directing the proper City officials to approve the restructure of the Public Works Department combining the Public Works and the Parks & Recreation departments into one centralized department implementing the attached organizational chart.

Motion by Reeves, second by Schroerlucke to approve R-178-2023 Authorizing and directing the proper City officials to approve the restructure of the Public Works Department combining the Public Works and the Parks & Recreation departments into one centralized department implementing the attached organizational chart. Discussion followed.

Motion to amend by Hirsch to use the new design for Parks & Rec and retain the Park Director position. No second to the motion, motion dies.

Motion to amend by Hirsch, second by Ligocki that the proposed Superintendent position become a Director and all departments proposed to be under the Parks and Rec. Superintendent be removed from the umbrella of Public Works. Motion fails 1-9.

Motion by Ligocki, second by Butler to rename the Public Works Department to Public Works, Parks & Recreation Department, and the structure remains as proposed. Motion fails 2-8.

Motion by Hirsch, second by Caravello to send the proposal back to the River & Trails and Parks & Rec. Committees and include the Personnel Committee. Motion fails 3-7.

Motion to call to question by Jenson, second by Payton. (2/3 vote necessary and not debatable) Motion carried 7-3. (Hirsch, Caravello, and Ligocki no)

R-179-2023 Authorizing and directing the proper City officials to approve the new Parks and Recreation Superintendent position description with a pay rate of up to \$83595.20 annually.

Motion by Reeves, second by Shcroerlucke to approve R-179-2023 Authorizing and directing the proper City officials to approve the new Parks and Recreation Superintendent position description with a pay rate of up to \$83,595.20 annually.

Ligocki asked that the position descriptions be taken to Parks & Rec Committee as a courtesy for feedback. Swadley noted that the Chair could request that it be added as an agenda item. Caravello will request Director Glynn add the 3 descriptions to the agenda for next week. Motion carries 10-0.

R-180-2023 Authorizing and directing the proper City officials to approve the updated Recreation Supervisor position description with the 2024 budget approved hourly rate of \$32.66.

Motion by Reeves, second by Schroerlucke to approve R-180-2023 Authorizing and directing the proper City officials to approve the updated Recreation Supervisor position description with the 2024 budget approved hourly rate of \$32.66. Motion carried 10-0.

R-181-2023 Authorizing and directing the proper City officials to change the title of the Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant to Parks and Recreation.

Motion by Reeves, second by Shcroerlucke to approve R-181-2023 Authorizing and directing the proper City officials to change the title of the Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant to Parks and Recreation. Motion carried 10-0.

R-182-2023 Authorizing and directing the proper City officials to approve the new AEMT/Firefighter position description with a pay rate of up to \$33.65 per hour as approved in the 2024 Budget.

Motion by Reeves, second by Schroerlucke to approve R-182-2023 Authorizing and directing the proper City officials to approve the new AEMT/Firefighter position description with a pay rate of up to \$33.65 per hour as approved in the 2024 Budget. Motion carried 10-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jenson, second by Heilli. Motion carried 10-0. 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candee Christen
City Clerk