

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/COUNCIL POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 @ 6:00 PM

ED OVERLAND ROOM, OPERA HOUSE, 381 E MAIN ST. STOUGHTON, WI

**Present:**

Alders Jean Ligocki, Brett Schumacher, Ben Heili, Regina Hirsch and Tim Swadley

**Also Present:**

Holly Licht City Clerk

**Absent and Excused:**

None

**Call to Order:**

Ligocki called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Communications:**

Ligocki stated that the listening session for the KPW TIF request have been scheduled.

**Discussion and possible action regarding recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day**

Jason Yellow Bird stated that Native American population in Stoughton is probably about 12 people. He stated that he appreciated the gesture of Indigenous Peoples Day idea, but would like couple it with action and thought it would send a better message to the Native community. Heili said that also talked with the Ho Chunk Nation Municipal Representative and she could provide more information to the committee. Ligocki said she would like to see the service component but doesn't think we have completely do away with Columbus Day. Hirsch added that it could be beneficial to partner with the school district.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Mobile Food Carts:**

Clerk Licht shared the concerns that Leadership had with the draft. The committee decided it would review the fees after the first year to see if changes needed to be made. The committee directed Clerk Licht to send the draft the City Attorney.

**Discussion and possible action regarding energy targets and sustainability**

Mayor Swadley said that Utilities Director Weiss would help. Committee wants to the see walk through results from City Buildings to gauge an idea of where we are heading. Heili stated that we should be working with other members of WPPI. He added that the committee needed to define their role in sustainability.

**Approval of the October 1, 2019 Minutes:**

Motion by Heili, second by Hirsch to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and possible action regarding increases fees for city dog licenses to account for the 2020 increase of the County Dog Tax**

Clerk Licht explained that Dane County is raising the dog tax by \$5 and the city will need to increase the costs of dog licenses to make up for the loss of revenue. Hirsch stated that cats need to be licensed as

well. Motion by Ligocki, second by Heili to recommend that council increase the fees by \$5. Motion carried 4-0 with Ligocki abstaining.

**Discussion regarding a social media policy for local officials**

The committee did not discuss or take action on this item. It will be back before the committee at its next meeting.

**Discussion and possible action regarding a Joint City/School Board Committee meeting**

The committee stated that a joint committee would need to be a smaller group so we can understand people's goals. Alder Schumacher stated that he would communicate with the school board to see what their goals were and see if they were interested in meeting. This item will be back before the committee at its next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Heili, second by Ligocki to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Licht, City Clerk