

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/COUNCIL POLICY

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Ed Overland Room, Opera House Building, 381 E. Main St. Stoughton, WI

**Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

City Clerk Holly Licht

**Call to Order:**

Ligocki called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Schumacher arrived at 6:18 p.m.

**Communications:**

Hirsch stated that Sustainable Stoughton would be working with WPPI and Stoughton Utilities to host an event about promoting renewal energy. The tentative date is February 27. They will not have an Earth Day Expo this year, but will do “mini events” in March and April. Mayor Swadley stated that he is going to Washington DC to represent Stoughton and WPPI to discuss energy initiatives. Heili stated that he spoke with Covenant Lutheran Church’s Building Committee and they are interested in putting in solar.

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

**a. Schedule/Priorities for 2020**

Jeff Leverich from Sustainable Stoughton state that on the Dane County website there is a power point for countywide carbon reductions. He added that the City should start with renewables in City and School buildings. Hirsch stated that every that comes to play at council should have a look at it through a sustainable lens. Mayor Swadley said that he would report after his group meeting with OEI. Hirsch would like to come up with a matrix for each resolution and ordinance and research if other municipalities are doing this. Leverich suggested creating a “green brand” would attract younger families to Stoughton. Dane County’s goal is to cut emissions by 50% by 2030. The committee would like to determine the energy targets for Stoughton. For next time: Heili will reach out to Cory and Jill to sharpen the letter and encourage Jill to reach out to the members in her network. Hirsch will brainstorm matrix ideas. Some things the group would like to focus on are public, private renewable uses, transportation/ commuters, PR and aesthetics.

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

Heili reached out to the archeologist and will be meeting with him the coming weeks. Ligocki stated that maybe the City should do it as a stand-alone day rather than replacing it with Columbus Day. Heili stated that it is important that we do it as part of the largest push to do it on the same day.

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

Schumacher will send the list to the school district and get the conversation going. Mayor has a PowerPoint he wants to share with the group. Ligocki suggested that the library would potentially like to be involved in the group.

**Approval of the December 3, 2019 Minutes:**

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

**Social Media Policy:**

The Committee took no action. It will be back in February. Ligocki said that we might want to have some standards for mayor's citizen appointments.

**Discussion and possible action regarding City cat licensing**

The committee took no action. They wanted to look at it again to see if it was necessary. It will be back in February.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Heili, second by Schumacher to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Licht, City Clerk