

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**
Date/Time: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers (2nd Floor of Public Safety Building)
321 South Fourth Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin
Members: Mayor Donna Olson, Tim Swadley, Matt Bartlett, Sid Boersma, Michael Engelberger, Regina Hirsch, Greg Jenson, Kathleen Johnson, Tom Majewski, Pat O'Connor, Lisa Reeves, and Scott Truehl

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations:

Finance Director LaBorde called the roll and noted that ten alderpersons were present. Bartlett is absent and excused.

- Mayor Olson noted that Dennis Kittleson had resigned effective December 29, 2017 and wanted to thank him for his service to the community.
- Mayor Olson noted that VITA is coming back to Stoughton this year and is scheduled to be at Covenant Lutheran Church Feb. 10th through April 5th so that you can make an appointment to have your taxes done.

Minutes and Reports: The following minutes and reports were entered into the record:

- Personnel Committee (11/6/17); Landmarks Commission (11/9/17, 10/23/17 & 11/20/17); Planning Commission (11/13/17); Redevelopment Authority (10/11/17, 11/8/17); Public Safety Committee (10/25/17); Finance Committee (11/28/17); Commission on Aging (10/3/17); Public Works (11/21/17); CA/CP (11/7/17)
- November 2017 Treasurer's Report
- December 2017 Treasurer's Report (pre-audit)

Public Comment Period:

- Tim Carter – 1648 Roby Road – spoke regarding the financial reports presented. There are three funds in the report that show a large surplus. The Library gift fund has over \$200,000; the Senior Center has restricted funds that amount to over \$420,000 - when he was on the Council over 10 years ago the fund had the same amount of money and the money hasn't been spent; the Food Pantry Fund surplus is \$170,000 which has more than doubled from what was there a year ago and indicates the need for assistance is less than before. When a fund has grown over 100% per year there is a problem. The Mayor noted these funds come from donations. Mr. Carter stated that these funds could impact how the Council looks at the budget.
- Paul & Teresa Reedy – 1233 Vernon Street – spoke regarding reconstruction on Kristi Lane. They feel the money could be spent in better ways. There is a proposal to place sidewalk on both sides of the street and narrow the street. The proposed project creates a financial burden as the project will include curb & gutter and sidewalks. They agree that the street and the drainage need to be repaired. They believe that the City could put in sidewalks in other areas of the community to connect the city better.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. December 12, 2017 Council Minutes
- B. **R-1-2018** – Resolution Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to issue Operator Licenses to various applicants.

Motion by Jenson, to approve the consent agenda, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 10-0.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

R-2-2018 - Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit request by Kevin Yeska, JSD Professional Development for a Hotel and Convention Center located at 2500 Jackson Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin.

Motion by Truehl to approve R-2-2018 to approve a Conditional Use Permit request by Kevin Yeska, JSD Professional Development for a Hotel and Convention Center at 2500 Jackson Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin, second by Engelberger. This is a change as the conference center will be done in a second phase. Street trees that are required will be installed as well as the proposed Jackson Street improvements. Mr. Yeska stated that they do not have a date on construction of the conference center. Groundbreaking on the hotel is scheduled for May 1st. Motion carried 9-1 with Johnson voting noe.

R-3-2018 – Resolution Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to Respectfully Decline the Proposal from McFarland State Bank to donate the property located at 207 S. Forrest Street, Stoughton, WI to the City.

Motion by O'Connor, to approve R-3-2018 Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to Respectfully Decline the Proposal from McFarland State Bank to donate the property located at 207 S. Forrest Street, Stoughton, WI to the City, second by Jenson. Mike Moderski from McFarland State Bank noted that there is no specific time frame to move forward. Swadley noted that he was looking at what the costs are associated with keeping the building for public use and look at whether or not the bank was interested in operating out of the current bank building. Mr. Moderski stated they were open to what the City would like to do. Majewski stated that he would not have voted for the resolution if he had been in attendance at Finance. Johnson would like to have further discussions. Reeves would like to see the inside of the building.

Motion by Jenson to table the Resolution and send it back to the Finance Committee for further discussion to decide what the future use of the building might be, second by Boersma. Motion carried 8-2 with Swadley and O'Connor voting noe.

R-4-2018 – Resolution Authorizing and Directing the proper City official(s) to Award the Bid for the Carpet Warehouse Building Demolition in the Riverfront Redevelopment Area Located at 425 East South Street, Stoughton, WI.

Motion by Truehl, to approve R-4-2018 Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to Award the Change Order for the Carpet Warehouse Building Demolition in the Riverfront Redevelopment Area Located at 425 East South Street, Stoughton, WI, second by O'Connor. Truehl noted that the Milfab site demolition is taking place and had requested a proposal to take down the carpet warehouse building. The demolition that is proposed would allow the city to reduce some of the fencing cost for the riverfront area. O'Connor noted that the Finance Committee approved the Resolution 5-0 tonight and requested that the funding for the demolition come from the undesignated fund. Gary Becker noted that the Site Assessment grant will assist in assessing the soil underneath the buildings. Hirsch noted that when the Milfab demo agreement was set, the RDA did not own the building and that held up including it in the original demolition contract. Motion carried on roll 9-1 with Johnson voting noe.

R-5-2018 – Resolution Accepting Certain Public Improvements made by Harvest Farms, LLC for Nordic Ridge Phase I and Phase II

Motion by Jenson, to approve R-5-2018 accepting Certain Public Improvements made by Harvest Farms, LLC for Nordic Ridge Phase I and Phase II, second by O'Connor. Director Scheel noted that we are holding a letter of credit. Motion carried 10-0.

R-6-2018 – Resolution to Participate in Storm Drain Art Program

Motion by Jenson, to approve R-6-2018 to participate in Storm Drain Art Program, second by Engelberger. This project will be completed with no cost to the City. Engelberger noted that this is a learning experience for the community. Director Scheel noted that the location of the art will be at the Senior Center site as it is a public building and near the river. Motion carried 10-0.

R-7-2018 – Resolution Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve a \$5.00 fee increase per TV or computer monitor as part of the e-waste recycling program effective January 10, 2018

Motion by Jenson, to approve R-7-2018 authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve a \$5.00 fee increase per TV or computer monitor as part of the e-waste recycling program effective January 10, 2018, second by Engelberger. Johns Disposal raised their costs and this increase will help to offset that cost. Majewski noted that this fee should be revenue neutral and should stay at \$4.00. Public Works Director Hebert noted that the city takes other TV's that are picked up in the community and the additional \$1.00 will help to offset those costs. He also noted this charge is in line with what other municipalities in the area are charging. Motion carried 10-0.

O-1-2018 Ordinance to Amend Section 10-2 Construction Standards, Chapter 10-12 Fire Detection Devices, Chapter 10-13 Fire Extinguishers, 10-31 Electrical State Laws Adopted, and Chapter 10-61 State Plumbing Code Adopted related to Adopted Building Codes (First Reading)

Jenson offered O-1-2018 as a first reading and this will be back before the Council on January 23, 2018. Planning Director Scheel will include the red-line version in your packet.

O-2-2018 - Ordinance Amending Section 2-67(b)(2) of the Stoughton Municipal Code; Relating to the Community Affairs/Council Policies Committee regarding IT/Media Services Dept. reporting to CA/CP

Reeves offered O-2-2018 as a first reading and this will be back before the Council on January 23, 2018.

Discussion and possible action regarding the aldermanic seat vacancy in District 1 due to the resignation of Alderperson Dennis Kittleson.

Attorney Dregne reviewed the memo that he provided in the packet. There are four options with respect to the vacancy – leave the office vacant until 2019, appoint someone to serve between now and 2019, leave the office vacant until a special election can be held in November 2018, or to appoint someone to serve until a special election can be held later in 2018. Election deadlines will not allow this issue to be placed on the April 2018 ballot. If no action is taken, then the office will remain vacant until 2019. Boersma would like the Council to appoint someone for representation of the district.

Motion by Engelberger to begin the process to appoint someone to fill the vacancy until April 2019 listed as item (b) in the memorandum from the Attorney, second by Swadley. Motion carried 10-0.

R-8-2018 – Resolution confirming the Appointment and Hiring of Holly Licht as the Stoughton City Clerk.

Motion by O'Connor, to approve R-8-2018 confirming the Appointment and Hiring of Holly Licht as the Stoughton City Clerk, second by Jenson . Motion carried on roll 10-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jenson, to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council, second by Reeves. Motion carried 9-1 with Boersma voting noe. The meeting of the Common Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.