

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**
Date/Time: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 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, Dennis Kittleson, 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 and Communications:

Clerk Kropf called the roll and noted that 9 alderpersons were present, with Boersma, Kittleson, and Bartlett being absent and excused.

Mayor Olson gave her condolences to the family of Patrick Nowlin. He was involved in a pedestrian/vehicle accident and unfortunately passed away. Patrick was deeply involved in the community and will be greatly missed.

Mayor Olson also gave her condolences to the family of Lois Benson Fosdal. She was a long time employee of the City and will be greatly missed.

Mayor Olson noted that Wednesday, October 11, 2017 is the color me pink event and that City staff will be wearing pink to honor those fighting breast cancer.

Engelberger announced to the Council that Alderperson Boersma is working in Las Vegas with the Red Cross to help with the tragedy that occurred. Mayor Olson explained that his duty on this trip is to help return lost items to family members.

Update regarding Pick N Save Fuel Pumps by Planning Director Scheel

Planning Director Scheel noted that his memo within the packet indicated that it is his opinion and judgement of the ordinance that the parking lot is not being extended, enlarged, or expanded. He noted that because of his findings he noted that the installation of the tree islands was not necessary under the current code. Engelberger disagreed with the interpretation of Planning Director Scheel.

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

- A. Personnel Committee (8/7/2017), Redevelopment Authority (9/13/2017), Commission on Aging (6/6/2017, 7/11/2017, 8/1/2017, & 9/5/2017), Library Board (7/19/2017 & 8/16/2017), Planning Commission (7/10/2017), Public Safety Committee (8/23/2017), Tree Commission (8/10/2017), and Utilities Committee (8/14/2017)
- B. Utilities Financial Report

Public Comment:

Denise Wilson; 1308 Vernon St; Spoke in opposition of the discontinuance of Chalet Court.

Consent Agenda:

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Motion by Jenson, to approve the consent agenda, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

O-13-2017- Amend Section 2-535 of the Stoughton Municipal Code; Relating to the Composition of the Stoughton Redevelopment Authority.

Motion by Truehl, to approve O-13-2017, second by Swadley. Truehl explained that this ordinance was to eliminate the alternate position and notes that the commissioners must be approved by the Council by a four-fifths vote. This change would bring our ordinance into compliance with the state statute. Hirsch wondered why paragraph one of the ordinance was so convoluted. Attorney Dregne noted that the language follows the state statute. Motion carried 9-0.

O-14-2017- An ordinance amending the zoning classification of 314 W. Main Street in the City of Stoughton from PB – Planned Business to MR-24 – Multi-Family Residential.

Motion by Truehl, to table O-14-2017, second by Engelberger. Truehl noted that this is being tabled as the Planning Commission tabled it at their meeting as well. He noted that the Planning Commission had questions on the change, but the owner was not able to make it to the meeting. Motion carried 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS

O-15-2017- Amending Chapter 70-134 of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code; relating to deleting subsection (a) and remunerating sub (b) to sub (a) and sub (c) to sub (b) eliminating the Loading Zone on S. Water St.

Truehl offered O-15-2017 as a first reading and this will be back before the Council on October 24, 2017.

O-16-2017- Amending Chapter 70-198 of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code; relating to the creation of subsection (17) and designating the third stall north of Main Street along the west curb of South Water Street.

Truehl offered O-16-2017 as a first reading and this will be back before the Council on October 24, 2017. Request by Alderperson Majewski to have the Police Chief Leck determine if the language in the state statute is listed as handicapped or disabled. He felt that the term handicapped is derogatory and should be removed from the municipal code.

O-17-2017- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to add section 70-156(26) of the Stoughton Municipal Code to Designate Hoel Avenue as a Through Street.

Truehl offered O-17-2017 as a first reading and this will be back before the Council on October 24, 2017. Truehl is requesting a list of other through streets in the City as a reference.

O-18-2017- Amending Section 14-7 of the Stoughton Municipal Code; Relating to the Authority to Grant Licenses.

Truehl offered O-18-2017 as a first reading and this will be back before the Council on October 24, 2017. Hirsch wants the Public Safety to review the possibility of cat licensing.

R-147-2017- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve a Temporary Class "B"/Class "B" Retailer's License and Special Event License to the American Cancer Society-Relay for Life.

Motion by Truehl, to approve R-147-2017, second by Jenson. Truehl noted that this is an annual license and was approved by City staff. Motion carried 9-0.

R-149-2017- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the revised premises description for the Wal-Mart Store #1176; relating to the addition of an outdoor area as a point of sale for liquor.

Motion by Truehl, to approve R-149-2017, second by Jenson. Truehl noted that the Public Safety committee recommended denial of the premises change. This change would serve the online grocery pickup and would include liquor sales. Jenny Welch from Wal-Mart addressed the Council and explained the new proposed pickup. She noted that the order is placed four hours in advance to the store and the shopping is done by a personal shopper who would be a licensed operator within the City. Truehl noted that he is against the change as it goes against the store within a store concept that the City has implemented. Reeves and Jenson noted that it is a point of control issue for them and they are not comfortable with the change. Motion failed 1-8, with Truehl, Reeves, Jenson, Swadley, Engelberger, Majewski, Hirsch, and Johnson voting no.

Introduction of **R-148-2017-** A Resolution Discontinuing Chalet Court.

Attorney Dregne noted that the owner of the abutting land to Chalet Court has requested a discontinuance of right of way, to be initiated by the City Council. The Council could choose to accept the introduction of the resolution and then the process could begin. The Council could approve the resolution to discontinue at a later date, after Planning Commission consideration and a public hearing to name a few. Attorney Dregne noted that this process is a difficult one, as it does not follow a specific timeline. There has to be a starting point for the process and the developer requested that this be the starting point. Members of Council disagreed with the introduction of the discontinuance and felt that the discontinuance should not start with the Council. They also felt that the land in this area should not be developed as it is a wetland. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jenson, to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council, second by Majewski. Motion carried 9-0. The meeting of the Common Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m.