

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**
Date//Time: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers (2nd Floor of Public Safety Building)
321 South Fourth Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin
Members: Mayor Tim Swadley, Matt Bartlett, Sid Boersma, Phil Caravello, Ozzie Doom,
Ben Heili, Regina Hirsch, Greg Jenson, Jean Ligocki, Tom Majewski, Lisa
Reeves, Timothy Riley, and Brett Schumacher

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations:

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

Clerk Licht called the roll and noted that there were 11 alders present. Majewski was absent and excused.

- White Cane Awareness Day Proclamation
- Heili stated that the CACP is working on a resolution to recognize Indigenous People's Day.
- Bartlett stated that the Tree Commission held the first lumber sale. They sold \$1500 worth of lumber.
- Caravello stated that they had over 60 people come and give input on the Downtown Revitalization plan.

Minutes and Reports: the following minutes were entered into the record.

Utilities (8/19/19); CACP (9/3/19)

Public Comment Period:

- Bob Diebel, 316 Grant Street, spoke regarding the CIP, specifically sidewalks. He said that in an old neighborhood that it is not appropriate to put sidewalks on each side. He said sidewalks on Grant and McKinley would be appropriate.
- Joanne Thornton, 404 Grant Street, spoke regarding the CIP, specifically sidewalks. She said that traffic is not concerning enough to add sidewalks. She said that council needs to create a new policy.
- Steve Royko, 148 E. Prospect St., spoke regarding sidewalks in the CIP. He said that landscaping and very old trees would be negatively impacted. The neighborhood is quiet and safe. He said that the council needed to rid of a "one-size fits all policy" for sidewalk.
- Kay Rashka, 325 N. Page St., spoke regarding sidewalk in the CIP. She said that the sidewalk ordinance was written in 1997 when Stoughton was growing at a rapid rate.
- Lorie Oler, 123 E. Taft St., spoke regarding sidewalks in the CIP. She said that sidewalks would destroy the neighborhood.
- Al Olson, 124 W. Prospect St., spoke regarding sidewalks in the CIP. He stated that a one-size fits all policy does not fit this neighborhood.
- Pam Tolefson, 125 W. McKinley, spoke in opposition of the sidewalks in the CIP.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. September 24, 2019 Council Minutes
- B. **R-152-2019**- Authorizing and directing the proper City official (s) to issue Operator Licenses to various applicants
- C. Stoughton Utilities August Payments Due List Report; Stoughton Utilities July Financial Summary; Stoughton Utilities July Statistical Report

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

R-153-2019- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the Change Order No. 1 to the 2019 Street and Utility Construction Project.

Motion by Hirsch, second by Jenson to approve R-153-2019 Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the Change Order No. 1 to the 2019 Street and Utility Construction Project.
Motion carried 11-0.

R-154-2019- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the Change Order No. 2 to the 2019 Street and Utility Construction Project.

Motion by Hirsch, second by Reeves to approve R-154-2019 Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the Change Order No. 2 to the 2019 Street and Utility Construction Project.
Motion carried 11-0.

O-24-2019- Amending Section 2-256 of the City of Stoughton Code of Ordinances, relating to the composition of the Utilities Committee

Hirsch read O-24-2019 for the first reading. It will be back before the council on October 22, 2019.

R-155-2019-Authorizing and directing the proper City official (s) to enter into an agreement with Robinson Brothers Environmental, Inc. for the 2019 Demolition/Abatement of Former Public Works Facility

Motion by Schumacher, second by Jenson to approve R-155-2019 Authorizing and directing the proper City official (s) to enter into an agreement with Robinson Brothers Environmental, Inc. for the 2019 Demolition/Abatement of Former Public Works Facility. Schumacher stated it was the low bid and the demolition would be completed before the end of the calendar year. Motion carried 11-0.

R-156-2019- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the City of Stoughton five-year (2020-2024) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Motion by Jenson, second by Heili to approve R-156-2019 Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the City of Stoughton five-year (2020-2024) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Motion by Riley, second by Boersma to amend the CIP Plan to remove planned sidewalk construction on Grant, Sherman and Prospect Streets. Riley stated that the neighborhood has thrived for 80 years without sidewalks. There have been no vehicular incidents. He said that the City budget is tight and the planned sidewalks are not necessary when the City can't fund requested personnel. Boersma stated that one particular property that would have to move a garage. He stated that there were several old trees that would need to be removed. Doom agreed with Boersma. Reeves said that the neighborhood was very quiet and safe and sidewalks are not necessary. Jenson stated that the CIP is earmarking the money for the projects and there will be an opportunity to remove the sidewalks when the projects come before the council. Heili stated that he doesn't think sidewalks fit this neighborhood. Mayor Swadley stated that sidewalks that stop mid-block are not serving any purpose. Attorney Dregne said whether or not you include the money in the CIP, the council will still have to come back and decide whether the sidewalks will go in. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-4 with Heili, Hirsch, Jenson and Bartlett voted 'no'.

Motion by Reeves, second by Ligocki to amend the CIP to remove funding of sidewalk construction on Grant, Sherman and Prospect Streets with the exception of the maintenance of existing sidewalks. Reeves withdrew her motion.

Motion by Boersma, second by Heili to remove the motor patrol unit for the Police Department from the CIP. Boersma stated that he didn't think a \$20,000 motorcycle for the PD was not necessary. Chief Leck stated that the request was for traffic control. It would be an addition to what is currently in place. Motion failed on a vote of 5-6 with Doom, Hirsch, Jenson, Ligocki, Schumacher and Bartlett voting 'no'

Motion Reeves, second by Caravello to amend the amount that landmarks have requested to \$13,000 and include \$8,000 for an accessible van. Motion carried 11-0.

Original motion as amended twice carried 11-0.

Discussion and possible action relating to questions regarding Kettle Park West Phase 2 Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) request

Mayor Swadley presented the original request from 2016 vs. the latest request. The original request was \$11 million and the current request is for \$7 million. There was discussion on the pay-go design, when the TIF would close and future enrollment in the Stoughton School District. The Mayor requested that the council change the date of when they will vote on the application due to it being the week of Thanksgiving.

Discussion and possible action regarding public participation in Kettle Park West TIF request

- **Option A:** Public Hearing & TIF 101 Presentation before the October 24, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting

- **Option B**: Public Comment Periods on October 8th, October 22nd, November 12th, and November 26th
- **Option C**: Public Hearing on October 22, 2019 and TIF 101(in regards of current TIF request) and Public comments for the rest of the meetings

Motion by Boersma, second by Reeves to go with option C. Motion carried 11-0.

R-159-2019- Resolution on Climate Emergency

Motion by Ligocki, second by Riley to approve R-159-2019 Resolution on Climate Emergency. Motion carried 10-1 with Boersma voting 'no'.

R-160-2019-Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the Stoughton Utilities Employee Compensation Analysis for 2020

Motion by Schumacher, second by Heili to approve R-160-2019 Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the Stoughton Utilities Employee Compensation Analysis for 2020. Motion carried 11-0.

R-157-2019- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the updated position description, grade level and pay rate for the City Treasurer

Motion by Schumacher, second by Riley to approve R-157-2019 Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the updated position description, grade level and pay rate for the City Treasurer. Motion carried 11-0.

R-158-2019- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the updated position description, grade level and pay rate for the Information Technology Director

Motion by Schumacher, second by Reeves to approve R-158-2019 Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the updated position description, grade level and pay rate for the Information Technology Director. Motion carried 11-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Boersma, second Jenson to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. Motion carried 11-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Licht, City Clerk