

Meeting of: **MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**

Date//Time: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 @ following the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Location: **The meeting of the Common Council was conducted virtually due to COVID-19.**

Members: Mayor Tim Swadley, Phil Caravello, Ozzie Doom, Ben Heili, Regina Hirsch, Fred Hundt, Greg Jenson, Jean Ligocki, Tom Majewski, Lisa Reeves, Brett Schumacher, Joyce Tikalsky, and Rachel Venegas

CALL TO ORDER (8:45 p.m.)

Roll Call

Glynn called the roll call and noted there were 11 alders present. Doom absent and excused.

Minutes and Reports

Plan Commission (7/12/21); Landmarks (7/8/21); River & Trails (3/1/21, 5/3/21); Park & Rec. 5/18/21, 6/15/21, 7/20/21) Whitewater Park Steering (1/25/21) Utilities (7/26/21, 6/14/21)

Public Comment Period:

- Judy Bills, 806 Lincoln Ave., spoke in opposition of the dam removal
- Sharon Mason-Boersma, 243 E. McKinley St., spoke in opposition to the Whitewater park
- Roger Springman, 812 Kriedman Dr., spoke in support of the Yahara River Park
- Mark Hale, 2703 County Road B, spoke in opposition of the Yahara River Waterpark
- Rob Kreger, 2076 Yahara Dr., spoke in favor of R-134-2021 and opposed to the current plan for the river park

Communications and Presentations

- A. Swadley acknowledged the death of Dennis Pince, a past City Committee member on various committees
- B. Swadley mentioned that CARPC acknowledged the storm water plans for the Hwy 51 construction project were designed to a very high standard
- C. Census numbers are have been received: Stoughton has added 467 residents since 2010- 13,078, a 3.7% increase. Wisconsin had a 3.8% increase and Dane County had a 13.1% increase.
- D. Alder Heili thanked everyone that attended the first Sustainability Committee virtual meeting held Monday, August 23. He also the second Racial Equity listening session is set for Thursday, August 26 at 6 p.m. Ligocki noted that all members of the community are welcome to attend.
- E. President Hirsch reminded everyone that CIP will be Tuesday, August 30 and COW is set for Wednesday, September 1 with more details to follow.

Consent Agenda

- A. August 10, 2021 Council Minutes
- B. **R-131-2021**- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to issue Operator Licenses to various applicants .
- C. **R-132-2021** – Resolution confirming the Mayor's Committee Appointments to the Sustainability Committee, Prairie Task Force, and Commission on Aging
Stoughton Utilities July Payments Due List Report; Stoughton Utilities Financial Summary;
Stoughton Utilities June Statistical Report

Motion by Majewski, second by Reeves to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 11-0

OLD BUSINESS

R-130-2021 Approval of Work Rules and Policies Procedures Forms Manuals Personnel 2021 8-10-2021
(*Personnel recommended approval 4-0, August 2, 2021*) **SECOND READING**

Motion by Reeves, second by Jenson to approve R-130-2021 approving the Work Rules and Policies Procedures Forms Manuals Personnel 2021

Hirsch requested that language be added to address sexual harassment and identify social media as a medium where harassment/violence can occur on page 25 of the Work Rules.

Motion by Hirsch, second by Heili to include the language. Director Gillingham noted the language was added after the August 10 Council meeting however was not provided for the packet. Hirsch retracted the motion.

Alder Ligocki asked about the reference to immediate family and possible exclusion of domestic partner, HR director Gillingham responded that with the guidance of the City attorney and within our insurance documents she will make an amendment of the legal allowance as a State employer with in the document.

O-19-2021 Amending Section 70-176 (83) no parking anytime west side of 8th Street (*Public Safety recommends approval 6-0, July 28, 2021*) **SECOND READING**

Motion by Jenson, second by Reeves to approve O-19-2021 amending Section 70-176 (83) no parking anytime on west side of 8th Street. Motion carried 11-0

NEW BUSINESS

R-133-2021 Request by David Baehr, Prairie Construction LLC for approval of a conditional use to allow a commercial indoor lodging use at 210 Water Street. (*Plan Commission recommends approval unanimously*)

Motion by Caravello, second by Schumacher to approve R-133-2021 approval of a conditional use to allow a commercial indoor lodging use at 210 Water Street. Motion carried 11-0

R-134-2021 Resolution to direct city staff to rescind the 2020 municipal dam program grant application and enter into the final design stage of the Stoughton River Park project
(Ad Hoc Whitewater Park Steering Committee recommended 7-0 on 8/16/2021, Parks & Recreation Committee recommended 6-0 on 8/17/2021)

Motion Hirsch, second by Jenson to approve R-134-2021 Resolution to direct city staff to rescind the 2020 municipal dam program grant application and enter into the final design stage of the Stoughton River Park project.

Motion by Hundt, second by Majewski to divide R-134-2021 into two separate motions, A & B. Attorney Dregne provided guidance on division of the resolution. Motion carried 9-2.

R-134-2021A Resolution to rescind the 2020 municipal dam grant program application.
Motion by Hundt, second by Reeves to approve R-134-2021 resolution to direct city staff to rescind the 2020 municipal dam program grant application. Motion carried 11-0

R-134-2021B Resolution to enter into the final stage of the Stoughton River Park project.
Motion by Tikalsky, second by Jenson to approve resolution R-134-2021B resolution to enter into the final stage of the 2020 municipal dam program grant application.

The final stage design plan was discussed.

Hundt raised concerns related to the design plan completion in detail storm water drainage, prefers that the grant be approved and that the dredging be completed before moving forward with the plans Ligocki asked for clarification of the language of the final design stage.

Hirsch noted this allows for the process to move forward with the final design that will come back for Council approval and the CIP funding allows for further budget discussion of the project to continue moving forward.

Swadley noted the money has been approved in the 2020 CIP budget for this stage of the project.

Caravello noted this could potentially have an impact on the grant application for this project in regards of being prepared to move on.

Hundt has user concerns and need for an environmental impact study.

Swadley noted that delaying this stage would push the project into 2024 and increase the cost of the project with the potential loss of grants.

Motion carried 10-1

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jenson, second by Reeves to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. Motion carried 11-0

Respectfully submitted,

Candee Christen, City Clerk