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**Meeting of the:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL  
**Date/Time:** Thursday, October 27, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Public Safety Building) 321 S Fourth Street  
**Members:** Tim Swadley, Sid Boersma, Michael Engelberger, Regina Hirsch, Greg Jenson, Kathleen Johnson, Dennis Kittleson, Paul Lawrence, Tom Majewski, Pat O'Connor, Scott Truehl, Mayor Olson

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Swadley called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:02 p.m.

Clerk Kropf called the roll and noted that eleven alders were present, with Engelberger being absent.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Approval of the October 13, 2016 Committee of the Whole minutes**

Motion by O'Connor, to approve the October 13, 2016 Committee of the Whole minutes, second by Majewski. Motion carried 11-0.

#### **Recommend approval of the 2017 Stormwater Budget**

Planning Director Scheel gave a detailed overview of the Stormwater Utility Budget.

Engelberger joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Finance Diorector Sullivan noted that the first year that the Stormwater Utility was created was 2013. Public Works Director Hebert explained that the stormwater pond maintenance balance had decreased by \$10,000 due to that maintenance being budgeted through the CIP budget.

Motion by Lawrence, to approve the 2017 Stormwater Budget, second by Jenson. Motion carried 12-0.

#### **Recommend approval of the 2017 Opera House Budget**

Opera House Director Brehm gave a detailed overview of the 2017 Opera House budget.

Motion by Boersma, to approve the 2017 Opera House budget, second by Lawrence. Motion carried 12-0.

#### **Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the 2017 Stoughton Utilities (SU) Budget and Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).**

Utilities Director Kardasz gave a thorough analysis of the 2017 Utilities Budget and the Capital Improvements Plan. He explained how the Utilities Department is planning for future infrastructure inclusion.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve the 2017 Utilities Budget and the Capital Improvements Plan, second by Truehl.

Majewski noted that several of his constituents had to pay to move their water meters at the home owners' expense. He was disappointed with the fact that the Utilities didn't offer these residents a program to help pay for this change.

Motion by Majewski, to amend the 2017 Stoughton Utilities Budget by allocating \$25,000 to reimburse the 8 residents who were required to pay for the movement of their water meters, second by Truehl.

Truehl asked if this was the first year to happen or if there might be more customers that might need to move their meters as well. Kardasz noted that he didn't identify any more problematic meters within the system, currently. Swadley asked that the Utilities Committee have a discussion on how to handle these types of situations moving forward. Engelberger explained that the Utilities Department is bound by the laws of the DNR and the PSC, and the Utilities followed the law on the movement of the meters. Majewski explained that the meters were on public right of way and wondered why these improvements weren't included in the Capital Outlay Plan.

Boersma left the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Lawrence and Jenson agreed that this issue should be debated by the Utilities Committee before the Council can move forward with a decision. Swadley noted that even if the amendment isn't approved tonight, the budget can be amended at a later date.

Amendment of the motion failed on a roll call vote of 4-7, with Lawrence, Truehl, Bartlett, Engelberger, Swadley, Jenson, and O'Connor voting no.

Lawrence left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Committee discussion encompassed the overall 2017 Utilities budget and the future of possibly burying the electric lines in the older areas of the City. Swadley noted that when the CIP projects are coming up, that the Utilities notify the residents of these projects before a notice of assessment is sent out.

Original motion was re-read. Motion carried 10-0.

#### Recommend approval of the 2017 Library Budget

Library Director MacDonald gave a general overview on how public libraries are funded in Wisconsin and how the Stoughton Library is funded as well. He noted that if there are any unused funds at the year of the year the Library is able to keep those funds to use at a later date. He explained that his budget would also allow for the library to be open on Sundays. He noted that there was an increase in the Capital Budget to replace the one older self-check machines.

Motion by Jenson, to remove the \$14,000 for Sunday hours from the Stoughton Library Budget, no second was offered and the motion failed for a lack of second.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve the 2017 Library Budget, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 10-0.

#### Recommend approval of the 2017 EMS Budget

EMS Director Schimelfenig introduced herself and gave an overall review of the 2017 EMS Budget. She explained that the surrounding townships are contributing to the EMS budget. Their contribution is based on the population that is serviced by the EMS, per capita. She noted that their contract would be for three years and that the cost would increase yearly by five percent.

Motion by Jenson, to approve the 2017 EMS Budget, second by Truehl. Motion carried 10-0.

Future Agenda Items

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion by Jenson, to adjourn the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 10-0. The meeting of the Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:53 p.m.