

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/COUNCIL POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Hall of Fame Room, City of Stoughton, WI

Present: Alderpersons Greg Jenson, Tim Swadley, Kathleen Johnson and Matt Bartlett

Absent: Mayor Olson

Guests: Dennis Kittleson, Robb White, Luther Sperle, Katherine Jones

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jenson.

Communications:

None

Discussion and possible action regarding Fair Event Selection Review Policy:

Luther Sperle addressed the committee and indicated that a policy between the fair board and the City would set a bad precedent. He noted that the pig wrestling event was an isolated incident and that event would never be held again. Sperle explained that the fair usually chooses the fair events in February before the fair and a down payment is given to hold the event. Members of the committee explained that the City Council would just like to know what events will be held at the fair this year, but necessary vote on them. Discussion included having an internal policy, where the Recreation Director would meet with the fair to discuss the events and then simply report to the Council. The policy would read: *"The Parks and Recreation Director will be responsible for contacting the Stoughton Fair Board in February each year to ask what events are planned for that summer. He/She will report back to the Parks and Recreation Committee and Community Affairs and Council Policy Committee with this information."*

The committee like the idea of an internal policy but would like to see the Parks & Recreation committee review the policy as well.

Motion by Swadley, to approve the internal policy contingent upon Parks & Recreation Committee review, second by Johnson. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding City/Fair Fireworks Display:

Kittleson explained that he had asked that this item be revisited. The City had not contributed any money to the fair for fireworks since 2012. The proposal included in the packet would be for two firework displays and each display would cost \$8,000. Sperle noted that the fair would pay for the display to be held on the last night of the fair, but would ask the City to fund the Fourth of July fireworks display. The committee agreed with the proposal, but wants the proposal to be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting to determine funding.

Motion by Swadley, to approve the Fireworks proposal and to send to the Finance Committee to determine funding, second by Johnson. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding changes/updates to the Stoughton Arts Council

Bylaws:

Katherine Jones reviewed all of the proposed changes to the Stoughton Arts Council bylaws, as indicated in the packet. Most of the changes noted pertained to the number of members and what the art background was. She stated that the change in the board composition would aid the Mayor in appointing individuals to the Council. The CA/CP committee is the oversight committee for the Arts Council so the change would not need to go to Council for consideration.

Motion by Swadley, to approve the changes and updates to the Stoughton Arts Council Bylaws, second by Bartlett. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion ad possible action regarding Community Outreach/ Communications:

Jenson explained to the committee that the Utilities committee would be creating a policy that would define what would qualify as an insert. The committee discussed that until the policy was created by the Utilities committee, the City could not move forward with adding information inserts.

No formal action taken.

Approval of the February 2, 2017 Community Affairs and Council Policy Committee Minutes:

Motion by Swadley, to approve the February 2, 2017 Community Affairs and Council Policy Committee Minutes, second by Johnson. Motion carried 4-0.

Future Agenda Items:

Adjournment

Motion by Bartlett, to adjourn the meeting of the March 2, 2017 Community Affairs and Council Policy meeting, second by Johnson. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting of the Community Affairs and Council Policy Committee adjourned at 7:12 p.m.