

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**
Date/Time: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chambers at the Public Safety Building
Members: Michael Engelberger, Sid Boersma, Ron Christianson, Eric Hohol, Greg Jenson, Paul Lawrence, Tom Majewski, Tom Selsor, Regina Hirsch, Tim Swadley, Sonny Swangstu, Pat O'Connor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olson called the meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations:

Clerk Kropf called the roll, noting that eleven alderpersons were present. Alderperson Swangstu was absent and excused.

Mayor Olson welcomed all of the government students to the Council meeting.

Mayor Olson gave an update on Wellness Coalition Medication Drop that was held on April 25, 2015. She noted that 152 pounds of unused meds were collected at the Fire Station, 315 pounds of meds were in the drop box by the Police Department since last October and that the coalition had collected 380 pounds of sharps.

Mayor Olson congratulated Sarah Monette at the library, for receiving an award for her book "The Goblin Emperor" from the American Library Association.

Mayor Olson read a letter from Charles Green thanking the Opera House for their kindness and help during the Marty Stuart concert.

Alderperson Selsor mentioned that when the Council voted for a new Council president there was a written ballot for the Council president and that the Mayor voted verbally. He objected to the Mayor's verbal vote instead of the written ballot.

Kettle Park West Update

Attorney Dan O'Callaghan addressed the Council on behalf of Forward Development group regarding the Kettle Park West Development.

Stoughton Area Future Urban Development Area Presentation

Sean Higgins addressed the Council on behalf of the Stoughton Area Future Urban Development Area.

Police K-9 Unit Fundraiser at Troll Beach

Officer Chad O'Neil brought in police K-9, Ole, to address the Council. He talked about the proposed fundraiser to have an owner and dog swim at Troll Beach. He noted that all of the funds to pay for Ole are done through donations. Officer O'Neil explained that Ole can track narcotics and can track/apprehend suspects. Ole's first drug seizure was over 300 pounds of marijuana and he tracked a suicidal female this winter so that Stoughton Police Officers could help her.

Mayor Olson asked the Council to consider moving items #12 & #17 to the beginning of new business. The Council agreed to move these items.

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

Minutes: Redevelopment Authority (3/11/2015), Finance Committee (3/24/2015), Parks & Recreation Committee (3/17/2015), Planning Commission (3/9/2015), Public Works Committee (3/17/2015), and Utilities Committee (3/16/2015)

Reports: Utilities Financial Report & March Treasurer's Report

Public Comment Period:

Gregory Lee; 307 S Forrest St; Spoke in opposition of the Kettle Park West Development.
Terry Parisi; 3718 Halverson Rd; Spoke in opposition of the Kettle Park West Development.
Jim Blouin; 600 W Main St; Spoke in opposition of the Kettle Park West Development.
Debra Pautz; 1497 Oak Opening Dr; Spoke in opposition of the Kettle Park West Development.
Gregory Lee; 307 S Forrest St; Spoke in favor of the K-9 Fundraiser at Troll Beach.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council Minutes: April 8, 2015; April 14, 2015; April 21, 2015
- B. 2015 Annual Storm Water Report

Motion by Jenson, to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Majewski. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

OLD BUSINESS

R-122-2014- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to recommend and approve the vacating of the alley in the 700 block behind Clyde St (between Johnson & Harrison Sts)

Motion by Majewski, to approve R-122-2014, second by Swadley. Streets Superintendent Manthe addressed the Council and noted that this item had not gone to the Planning Commission. Lawrence asked what the reasoning was of vacating the alley. Manthe explained that the vacation of the alley was petitioned by a homeowner who built a pool in their back yard

and needs the extra space to accommodate a fence around the pool, per local ordinance. Manthe noted that the only maintenance services that the City provides to that alley are the trimming of trees. Hirsch asked that if the alley is vacated and split amongst the adjacent homeowners, can they be reassessed and if they could be, are they aware of it. Manthe stated that yes they would have to make the change to their deeds and record that with the Dane County Register of Deeds. Attorney Dregne noted that the assessor could reassess the homeowners' properties to include this change.

Motion by Lawrence, to table this resolution until such time that the planning commission can review and determine what action to take, second by Hohol. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

NEW BUSINESS

R-70-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the Stoughton Utilities 2014 Audit Report and Management Letter

Motion by Engelberger, to approve R-70-2015, second by Jenson. Utilities Director Kardasz explained that this is the annual Utilities audit. A representative from Baker, Tilly, Virchow, and Krause addressed the Council. She noted that the Utilities has had some modest growth in the electric utility, but may consider a rate increase in both Water and Sewer. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

R-76-2015- Authorizing and Directing the Proper City Officials to refund a property tax to the Meadow View Condominium Association, due to an incorrect tax assessment for 2014

Motion by Christianson, to approve R-76-2015, second by Jenson. Christianson noted that this parcel has a storm water retention pond on it and it was assessed as a buildable lot when it should not have been. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

O-2-2015- Amending Multiple Sections of the Historic Preservation Ordinance – Chapter 38 of the Stoughton Municipal Code

Aldersperson Engelberger introduced the ordinance and stated that it would be back at the next meeting to be voted on.

O-6-2015- Creating section 26-43 of the City of Stoughton Municipal Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance

Aldersperson Christianson introduced the ordinance and stated that it would be back at the next meeting to be voted on.

O-10-2015- An ordinance amending the zoning classification for property located at 100 Isham Street (Willow Springs Addition, part of Lot 16 and 12), Stoughton, WI. From SR-6 single family residential to TR-6 Two Family Residential

Alderson Christianson introduced the ordinance and stated that it would be back at the next meeting to be voted on.

O-11-2015- An ordinance amending the zoning classification for property located at 301 W. Main Street, Stoughton, WI. From NB- Neighborhood Business to CB- Central Business

Alderson Christianson introduced the ordinance and stated that it would be back at the next meeting to be voted on.

O-12-2015- Amending 50-6 of the Stoughton Municipal Code, Alcohol Beverages in Public Places (b) Alcohol Permitted

Alderson Engelberger introduced the ordinance and stated that it would be back at the next meeting to be voted on.

O-13-2015- Amending Chapter 10 Buildings and Building Regulation Require Street Tree Installation

Alderson Majewski introduced the ordinance and stated that it would be back at the next meeting to be voted on.

R-71-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to accept the Stoughton Utilities voluntary Electric and Water Tax Stabilization Dividends and the required Electric and Water Payments in Lieu of Taxes

Motion by Engelberger, to approve R-71-2015, second by Christianson. Utilities Director Kardasz explained that this would be used to earmark monies for the City for economic development. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

Alderson Engelberger left the Council meeting at 8:54pm.

R-72-2015- Approving two (2) Certified Survey Maps for Norse View Holdings LLC to reconfigure lots 135-140 located on the west side of Carl Avenue, Seventh Addition to Norse View Heights, Stoughton, with the intent to create 1 (one) additional single family lot

Motion by Christianson, to approve R-72-2015, second by Jenson. Planning Director Scheel explained that this resolution would create additional parcel at that location. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 10-0.

R-73-2015- Approving two (2) Certified Survey Maps for Norse View Holdings LLC to reconfigure lots 145-150 located on the east side of Carl Avenue, Seventh Addition to Norse View Heights, Stoughton, with the intent to create 1 (one) additional single family lot

Motion by Christianson, to approve R-73-2015, second by Jenson. Christianson noted that this resolution was the same as the previous resolution, but the location was just on the other side of the street. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 10-0.

Aldersperson Engelberger returned to the Council meeting at 8:59pm.

R-74-2015- Habitat for Humanity requests an exemption from impact fees imposed by Chapter 67 related to accommodating parks, playgrounds and land for athletic fields for property located at 1125 Garden Avenue, Stoughton, WI

Motion by Christianson, to approve R-74-2015, second by Swadley. Christianson explained that Habitat of Humanity has requested that this fee be eliminated. The home on this lot was razed three years ago and meets the criteria to have the fee included. Swadley asked the construction manager from Habitat of Humanity what this lack of exemption would do for this organization. He explained that the fee would take away from donor monies that could be used towards the construction of the home. Boersma and Majewski expressed concern of exempting the fee, as it required by local ordinance to pay that fee. Motion carried 9-2, with Boersma and Majewski voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council, second by Swadley. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0. The meeting of the Common Council adjourned at 9:08pm.