

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**
Date/Time: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chambers at the Public Safety Building
Members: Mayor Donna Olson, Paul Lawrence, Sid Boersma, Ron Christianson, Greg Jenson, Michael Engelberger, Tom Majewski, Tom Selsor, Regina Hirsch, Tim Swadley, Sonny Swangstu, Pat O'Connor, Scott Truehl

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olson called the meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations:

Clerk Kropf called the roll and noted that ten alderpersons were present, with Boersma and Majewski being absent and excused.

Swangstu addressed the Council and gave Police Chief Leck a donation on behalf of the Stoughton American Legion for Ole, the police dog.

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

Minutes: Commission on Aging (11/3/2015), Public Safety Committee (10/28/2015) and Finance Committee (11/10/2015)

Public Comment Period:

Sherry Johnson; 924 South Page Street; Spoke in favor of her Operator License Application being approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

-Council Minutes: November 24, 2015

-**R-180-2015**- Appointing Election Inspectors in the City of Stoughton for the 2016-2017 term

Motion by Lawrence, to approve the consent agenda, second by Jenson. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 10-0.

OLD BUSINESS

O-18-2015- An ordinance amending the zoning classification for properties owned by Steven Metzler and located at 400 S Van Buren Street and 324 S Van Buren Street from PB- Planned Business to PD- Planned Development (General Development Plan)

Motion by Christianson, to approve O-18-2015, second by Truehl. Christianson noted that this would allow for the building of a new 14 unit apartment building on the vacant lot on Van Buren Street, by the current Wells Fargo Bank. Council discussion included the zoning setbacks and if the location is appropriate for this type of construction. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-1, with Jenson voting noe.

O-19-2015- An ordinance amending the zoning classification for properties owned by the City of Stoughton and located north and west of 1588 Williams Drive from RH- Rural Holding to PI- Planned Industrial

Motion by Christianson, to approve O-18-2015, second by Truehl. No discussion occurred. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 10-0.

NEW BUSINESS

R-179-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to issue an Operator License to Sherry Johnson.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve R-179-2015, second by Swadley. Council discussion encouraged allowing of the Operator License to be issued to the applicant. Motion carried 9-1, with Engelberger voting noe.

R-183-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to enter into a one year contract with Vierbicher Associates, Inc to provide Economic Development Services.

Motion by Christianson, to approve R-183-2015, second by Lawrence. Gary Becker, from Vierbicher Associates, addressed the Council regarding the proposed contract to provide Economic Development Services. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 10-0.

R-184-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to contribute a one-time donation of \$16,000 to the Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park to purchase a memorial pillar using 2015 contingency funds.

Motion by Christianson, to approve R-184-2015, second by Lawrence. Christianson stated that this would be a one-time donation that would purchase a memorial pillar to be placed in the Stoughton Veterans Memorial Park. Council discussion included what might be placed on the pillar and if the use of the contingency fund was appropriate for this donation. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0, with Christianson abstaining.

Swadley requested that at a future Council or Committee of the Whole meeting that there be a discussion about the budgeting process, specifically to discuss the City contingency fund.

O-20-2015- Amending Section 2-688 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Electronic Preservation of Records.

Jenson offered O-20-2015 to the Council as a first reading and noted that it would be brought before the council for a vote at the first meeting in January 2016.

R-181-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the designation of the Stoughton Utilities Field Crew Employees as emergency personnel.

Motion by Swangstu, to approve R-181-2015, second by Jenson. Utilities Kardasz explained that this came about so that the Utilities Field Crew can be treated as Emergency Personnel in case of utility related emergencies. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 10-0.

R-182-2015- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the modification of Stoughton Utilities employee response time from 15 minutes to 30 minutes.

Motion by O'Connor, to approve R-182-2015, second by Lawrence. Utilities Director Kardasz explained that this change would adhere to guidelines from other location Utility departments as well. He indicated that this is not necessarily a residency requirement, but more so a requirement for on-call employee's response time. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 10-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding the cancellation of the December 22, 2015 Common Council meeting.

Motion by Christianson, to cancel the December 22, 2015 meeting of the Common Council, second by Lawrence. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 10-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council, second by Jenson. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 10-0. The meeting of the Common Council adjourned at 8:03 p.m.