

STOUGHTON UTILITIES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 21, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

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Location: Edmund T. Malinowski Board Room, Stoughton Utilities Administration Office
600 South Fourth Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin
Optional Virtual Participation: GoToMeeting ID 705-451-869

Members Present: Citizen Member David Erdman (Chair), Alderperson Regina Hirsch, , Mayor Tim Swadley, Citizen Member Dustin Thoren (Vice-Chair), Alderperson Joyce Tikalsky

Excused: Citizen Member John Kallas

Absent: Alderperson Fred Hundt

Others Present: Stoughton Utilities Finance Manager Shannon Statz, Stoughton Utilities Director Jill Weiss

Call to Order: Chairperson Erdman called the regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with a quorum present. Erdman, Hirsch, Swadley, and Thoren were present in person. Tikalsky was present by webinar.

Public Comments: None

Utilities Committee Consent Agenda: Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Committee consent agenda items, highlighting a letter received from New Smyrna Beach Utilities thanking SU for the assistance provided as part of the mutual aid response to Hurricane Ian.

Motion by Thoren, the motion seconded by Tikalsky, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

- a. Draft Minutes of the October 17, 2022 Regular Utilities Committee Meeting
- b. Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Report
- c. Stoughton Utilities Financial Summary
- d. Stoughton Utilities Statistical Report
- e. Communications

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Status of the Utilities Committee recommendation(s) to the Stoughton Common Council: Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed the following items from the Stoughton Utilities Committee that were recently approved and/or placed on file by the Stoughton Common Council:

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes of the August 15, 2022 Regular Utilities Committee Meeting
2. Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Report
3. Stoughton Utilities Financial Summary – July and August
4. Stoughton Utilities Statistical Report

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Business:

1. Stoughton Utilities Proposed 2023 Budget and Five Year (2023 – 2027) Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Plan

Discussion followed.

Presentation: Stoughton Water Quality – 2022 Lead and Copper Sampling Results: Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed the results of the 2022 water sampling conducted in accordance with the regulations set by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule. Staff informed the committee that 60 homes were sampled and the sampling and water quality monitoring did not find elevated levels of lead or copper in any of the homes sampled.

Staff explained that five samples had no detect for lead, 52 had lead levels between 0 and 5 parts per billion (ppb) or 0.000 - 0.005 mg/L, two had lead levels between 5 and 10 ppb or 0.005 - 0.010 mg/L, and one home had lead levels between 10 ppb and 15 ppb or 0.010 - 0.015 mg/L. No samples were above the 15 ppb or 0.015 mg/L 2019 exceedance level. Staff presented the history of recent sampling including the 2019 sampling where elevated lead levels were found in some homes, and the 2021 lead service line replacement program.

Staff presented information about ongoing education and outreach programs regarding potential sources of lead contamination in private plumbing fixtures, internal plumbing systems, and faucet aerators, as well as periodic reporting of our efforts to the WDNR. Continued sampling planned for 2023 and beyond was discussed.

Discussion followed.

Scheduling of the Utilities Committee Regular Meeting in December: Stoughton Utilities staff informed the committee that there are currently no items scheduled for the December 2022 meeting of the Utilities Committee meetings, and requested the committee cancel the meeting unless urgent new business items arise that require a special meeting to be called. Discussion followed, and staff was directed to cancel the December meeting if not needed.

Utilities Committee Future Agenda Items: Stoughton Utilities staff informed the committee that there are no agenda items planned for the December meeting. The committee requested a staffing and reorganization update at the January 2023 meeting.

Adjournment: Being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Hoops

Stoughton Utilities Assistant Director