

STOUGHTON UTILITIES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 8, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

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Location: City Hall Conference Room, Stoughton City Hall
207 South Forrest Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin
Optional Virtual Participation: GoToMeeting ID 929-900-605

Members Present: Citizen Member Carl Chenoweth, Citizen Member David Erdman (Chair), Alderperson Regina Hirsch, Alderperson Greg Jenson, Mayor Tim Swadley, Alderperson Jordan Tilleson

Excused: Citizen Member Dustin Thoren (Vice-Chair)

Absent: None

Others Present: City of Stoughton Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Amy Jo Gillingham, Stoughton Utilities Assistant Director Brian Hoops, Adam Schleicher, Stoughton Utilities Finance Manager Shannon Statz

Call to Order: The chair called the regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Chenoweth, Erdman, Hirsch, and Jenson were present in person. Swadley and Tilleson were present via teleconference.

Verification of Quorum: The chair verified that a quorum of the committee membership was present.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: Hoops certified that the meeting had been properly noticed in compliance with open meetings law.

Public Comments: The chair introduced Adam Schleicher to the committee, who stated he was happy to be present.

Hiring of Stoughton Utilities Director Position: It had been announced at a prior meeting that interviews had been held and that a contingent offer had been extended to a candidate. A subsequent announcement that a contingent offer had been extended to Adam Schleicher had been shared with the committee via email. Gillingham provided the committee with copies of Schleicher's resume and detailed his education and experience, and announced that all contingencies had been met by Schleicher. On the agenda for the September 9 meeting of the common council was the appointment of Schleicher to the position of Stoughton Utilities Director at a starting salary of \$200,000 per year. Gillingham explained that a list of goals for Schleicher's first six months was being developed and if all goals are met the salary would increase to \$220,000 per year. Statz provided a brief budget summary and stated no financial issues would arise as a result of filling the position at that salary. Discussion followed.

Motion by Chenoweth, the motion seconded by Jenson, to approve the hiring of Adam Schleicher in the role of Stoughton Utilities Director, and recommend appointment of Schleicher as Stoughton Utilities Director to the Stoughton Common Council at their September 9, 2025 meeting. The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

The chair announced to the committee that due to scheduling conflicts, the regular September meeting of the committee was being rescheduled from September 15, 2025 to September 22, 2025. There were no concerns expressed by members. Chenoweth stated he would be unable to attend the October meeting.

Adjournment: Being no further business before the committee, the chair adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Hoops
Assistant Stoughton Utilities Director