

STOUGHTON UTILITIES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 16, 2026 – 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: Teams Meeting ID: 234 116 679 253 1

Members Present: Citizen Member Carl Chenoweth, Citizen Member David Erdman (Chair), Alderperson Regina Hirsch, Mayor Tim Swadley, Citizen Member Dustin Thoren (Vice-Chair), Alderperson Jordan Tilleson

Excused: Alderperson Greg Jenson

Absent: None

Others Present: City of Stoughton Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Amy Jo Gillingham, Stoughton Utilities Assistant Director Brian Hoops, City of Stoughton Director of Planning & Development Chris Munz-Pritchard, Stoughton Utilities Director Adam Schleicher, Kim Slava, Kristin Slava, Stoughton Utilities Finance Manager Shannon Statz, Bradley Werginz (Angus-Young Architects/Engineers)

Call to Order: The chair called the regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Chenoweth, Erdman, Swadley, Thoren, and Tilleson were present in person. Hirsch was 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: Kim Slava spoke to inquire about potential rate tariff changes to the Pgs-1 customer classification for customer-owned distributed generation, specifically his rooftop solar system. Slava informed the committee that he is a current customer with a rooftop solar system and had been made aware of potential changes that would reduce the amount that Wisconsin utilities pay to customers for excess generation.

Stoughton Utilities staff informed Slava and the committee that Sturgeon Bay Utilities had a pending docket with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC). This docket is being seen as a template for other municipal electric utilities and would align payments for excess generation with the utility's actual avoided cost, including wholesale power purchases and transmission expenses. The intent is to eliminate the subsidization of customer distributed generation from other ratepayers. The proposed tariff includes a period where existing Pgs customers would be 'grandfathered in' to the utility's current retail rates. Staff advised that Stoughton Utilities would likely make similar changes to its rate tariff in the future following PSC approval but does not currently have any timeline. Existing Pgs customers would be notified in advance of any change.

Staff will provide Slava with more information via email on the current status of Sturgeon Bay's docket.

Kim and Kristin Slava left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Utilities Committee Consent Agenda: Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Committee consent agenda items, highlighting the annual 2025 Year in Review publication and providing printed copies. Discussion followed.

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

- a. Minutes of the January 26, 2026 Regular Utilities Committee Meeting
- b. Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Report
- c. Stoughton Utilities Statistical Report
- d. Communications
- e. Stoughton Utilities Activities Report

The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Status of the Utilities Committee recommendation(s) to the Stoughton Common Council: Stoughton Utilities staff provided the committee with an update on items from recent committee meetings that had been presented to, approved, and/or placed on file by the Stoughton Common Council. Discussion followed.

Update: Stoughton Utilities Administration Building: Stoughton Utilities staff presented an update on the design status of the proposed new Stoughton Utilities Administration Building. Staff introduced Bradley Werginz of Angus-Young Architects/Engineers who shared site and building design efforts that have been completed to date. Discussion followed.

A handout was shared showing pre-design construction cost estimates. Staff informed the committee that the City of Stoughton had recently provided preliminary planning reports for sites at McComb Rd and Williams Dr, and a site cost comparison handout was shared. Chenoweth requested that the previously provided timeline handout for design, application for construction authority from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, and construction be brought up for discussion.

The committee discussed the addition of approximately \$1,000,000 in costs for improvements to McComb Rd and the construction of a 4th leg of the roundabout, and whether these requirements were being set by the city or by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). The committee inquired why the planner's reports indicated that a traffic impact analysis was required for the McComb Rd. site but not the Williams Dr. site.

Munz-Pritchard joined the meeting by phone at 5:53 p.m. to discuss the planners report, a required traffic impact analysis for the McComb Rd site, and roadway improvements, and fielded questions by the committee. Munz-Pritchard left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Discussion continued, including further discussion of the planners report, required traffic impact analysis requirements, possible WisDOT requirements, potential future land value, TIF funding of roadway and/or roundabout improvements, and more. Discussion also included Public Service of Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) application requirements and the level of justification that would be required for additional land acquisition, the timeline for the sale of the existing utility building, and the timeline for the sale of the utility land should it be deemed necessary.

Chenoweth requested that proceeds from a potential sale of the McComb Rd property be excluded from any site cost comparison. Hirsch and Chenoweth requested that costs associated with extension of the roundabout and related land acquisition be excluded from any site cost comparison. Discussion followed.

Motion by Chenoweth, the motion seconded by Hirsch, to direct Stoughton Utilities staff to proceed with a traffic impact analysis of McComb Rd. and meet with WisDOT staff regarding McComb Rd. site access requirements, and report back to the committee at the next meeting. Chenoweth clarified that this motion was only applicable to utility staff and was not a directive to city staff who should proceed as directed by the mayor, and expressed a desire to have enough data by the next meeting to either rule out McComb Rd or continue to proceed as originally decided. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

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Stoughton Utilities RoundUP Program: Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Round-Up Program. A brief description of the program was provided to the committee, noting the list of 13 eligible organizations and their application materials that were included in the meeting packet. Staff recommended the committee award a \$1,000 donation from the 2025 Stoughton Utilities RoundUP Program to an eligible applicant(s). Discussion followed.

Motion by Hirsch, the motion seconded by Chenoweth, to donate \$500 from the Stoughton Utilities RoundUP Program to the Housing Advocacy Team of Stoughton (HATS) and \$500 to Fort Littlegreen Gardens. The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Utilities Committee Future Agenda Items: Stoughton Utilities staff informed the committee that future agenda items for the March committee meeting include continued progress updates for the new administration building design, presentation of the application to increase electric utility rates, recommendation of bid award for utility reconstruction, and an update on employee compensation increases for 2026. Discussion followed.

Adjournment: Being no further business before the committee, motion by Chenoweth, the motion seconded by Tilleson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Hoops

Stoughton Utilities Administrative Assistant