

STOUGHTON UTILITIES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 19, 2023 – 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 286-749-405

Members Present: Citizen Member Carl Chenoweth, Citizen Member David Erdman (Chair), Alderperson Regina Hirsch, Alderperson Greg Jensen, Alderperson Daniel Payton, Mayor Tim Swadley, Citizen Member Dustin Thoren (Vice-Chair)

Excused: None

Absent: None

Others Present: Stoughton Utilities Assistant Director Brian Hoops (Virtual), Stoughton Utilities Director Jill Weiss

Call to Order: Chairperson Erdman called the regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Chenoweth, Erdman, Hirsch, Jensen, Payton, and Thoren were present in person. No members attended virtually.

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

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

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Utilities Committee Consent Agenda: Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Committee consent agenda items.

Weiss added that a new employee started at Stoughton Utilities today and there will be an upcoming retirement at the end of the next month. Also discussed were recent electrical outages that occurred on June 11, 2023 and the recent installation of sampling wells in the parking lot of the Stoughton Utilities Administration Building to monitor possible pollution from a neighboring industrial facility.

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

- a. Draft Minutes of the May 15, 2023 Regular Utilities Committee Meeting
- b. Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Report
- c. Stoughton Utilities Financial Summary
- d. Stoughton Utilities Statistical Report
- e. Stoughton Utilities Activities Report
- f. Communications

The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

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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 April 17, 2023 Regular Utilities Committee Meeting
2. Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Report
3. Stoughton Utilities Financial Summary
4. Stoughton Utilities Statistical Report

Business:

1. Stoughton Utilities 2022 Audit Reports and Management Letter
2. Wastewater 2022 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR)
3. Revisions to the City of Stoughton Investment Policy

Discussion followed.

Status of the PSCW Electric Rate Application Filing: Staff provided the committee with an update on the electric rate application that was filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) in February 2023. The PSCW continues to review the application and staff has responded to several follow-up questions from the commission. Discussion followed.

Stoughton Utilities 2022 Annual Water Consumer Confidence Report: Staff presented and discussed the annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR provides information about Stoughton's drinking water quality and any detected contaminants during the previous monitoring year. Staff discussed the report format, crediting Brandi Yungen, education & outreach coordinator, for her creativity in its development. This report will be distributed to customers during the month of June and distributed to and posted in various public locations. Discussion followed.

Swadley joined the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Stoughton Utilities Typical Bill Rate Comparison Summary: Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed report comparing the utility's current electric rates to comparable rates of the investor-owned utilities for standard usage of residential, commercial, and large power/industrial customers. Discussion followed.

Presentation: Stoughton Water Quality: 2022-2023 Lead and Copper Sampling Results: Staff presented and discussed the results of the 2022 and 2023 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 in 2022 and again in 2023, and the sampling and water quality monitoring did not find elevated levels of lead or copper in any of the homes sampled.

Staff highlighted the 2023 sampling results and informed the committee that of the 60 homes sampled, eight had no detect, 48 had lead levels between 0 and 5 parts per billion (ppb) or 0.000 - 0.005 mg/L, three had lead levels between 5 and 10-ppb or 0.005 - 0.010 mg/L, zero had lead levels between 10-ppb and 15-ppb or 0.010 - 0.015 mg/L, and one had lead levels above the 15-ppb or 0.015 mg/L 2019 exceedance level. Staff further informed

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the committee that the 90th percentile level was 4.2-ppb, well below the 15-ppb regulatory limit. Discussion followed.

Stoughton Utilities Wastewater Treatment Facility Tour Schedule: Stoughton Utilities staff informed the committee that a tour of the Stoughton Utilities Wastewater Treatment Facility is scheduled to take place prior to the July 17, 2023 meeting of the Stoughton Utilities Committee. Members of the Stoughton Utilities Committee are invited to attend. Following the tour, the regular committee meeting will be held at the Wastewater Treatment Facility at the usual 5:30 p.m. scheduled time. Discussion followed.

Utilities Committee Future Agenda Items: Stoughton Utilities staff informed the committee that the award of funds from the Stoughton Utilities Project RoundUP program will be on the agenda for the July meeting. A presentation from WPPI Energy staff will occur at the August meeting.

Adjournment: Being no further business before the committee, motion by Chenoweth, seconded by Jenson, to adjourn the meeting at 06:14 p.m. The motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Hoops

Stoughton Utilities Assistant Director