

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Joe Martin, John Stauter, and Christine Wilen. Absent: Aldermen Bob Conklin and Christopher Schuchard.

Also present were City Attorney Matt Keegan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Tim Morgan, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tom Brackemeyer expressed displeasure with the condition of the sidewalks on LeFevre Road between Fourth and Sixth Avenues. He distributed photos to the Council. Mayor Lee informed Brackemeyer that the school district is planning to replace the sidewalk on Fourth Avenue and he may want to talk with the school about redirecting their funding.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A) Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2016
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$1,017,922.30
- C) Bid award for 2017 MFT General Maintenance Materials

Material	Conmat	Alliance Materials	Martin & Co. Exc.
Agricultural Ground Limestone	\$5.45 9 miles/\$7.05		\$3.10 13 miles/\$5.10
Bituminous Patching Mixture	\$80.00 9 miles/\$81.60		
Bituminous Mixture Complete	\$47.50 9 miles/\$49.10		\$48.00 31 miles/\$51.80
Aggregate Surface Course	\$5.45 9 miles/\$7.05	\$6.25 4.2 miles/\$7.37	\$5.00 13 miles/\$7.00

- D) Final Pay Request #9 for 2013 Street Projects, Contract #2 to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$19,158.06

The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Stauter and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Shumard introduced Kory Froeter, the new IT Director. Froeter came to us from Kreider Services. Froeter replaced Sergeant Ken Wright who handled the IT for the City for over 20 years. Froeter stated that he had been consulting for 15 years and has 20 years of experience with IT operations.

Alderman Elston made a motion to pass the Proclamation Declaring January 2017 as Mentoring Month in Sterling; seconded by Alderman Martin. Mayor Lee introduced John Campbell and Trencé Minié, participants in the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. Campbell explained he started with Trencé as a lunch buddy and grew into a full community match. Campbell stated he is able to share experiences, thoughts, and knowledge. Minié agreed that the match is beneficial to him. Mayor Lee encouraged participation in the program because he has found it rewarding as well. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Clerk Rombouts reminded the Council of a joint meeting with the Plan Commission next Monday to discuss Coventry Village.

Manager Shumard reminded everyone that Christmas trees can be placed at the curb this week and next week for pick-up.

Alderman Martin asked if he could be supplied with an updated phone listing for City employees and contacts. He would also like information on Coventry Village prior to the meeting on Monday. Superintendent Schmidt assured him information would be out later this week.

Alderman Elston asked when study sessions will start for the budget. Director Von Holten stated they should begin after the regular meeting on February 6. Elston also asked about the sign at the Public Works building. Shumard stated they could bring proposals and pricing to the Council. Elston remarked about the nice looking sign on the window of the Council Chambers.

Mayor Lee wished everyone a Happy New Year.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk