

Mayor Charles L. "Skip" Lee called a special meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 11, 2019. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Mackenzie Hopping, Joe Martin, John Stauter, and Jim Wise. Absent: Alderman Christine Wilen.

Also present were City Attorney Tim Zollinger, City Manager Scott Shumard, Police Chief Tim Morgan, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no comments from Visitors.

Alderman Elston made a motion to waive the bid process and authorize the purchase of the 30 x 228 Poligon structure, including modified 24 x 30 connecting structure, engineering and delivery, in the amount of \$327,558; seconded by Alderman Wise. Manager Shumard explained this amount reflects a discount for the order and will be the entire walkway west of the Twin City Farmer's Market. The walkway, other paving improvements, and assembly of the structure is going out for bid this week. Bids for Phase I last year exceeded estimates. Sterling Today has offered to assist with this project. Doing the entire project will be more beneficial. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Hopping, Martin, Stauter, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Wise reported Sterling High School Chess Team and Volleyball Team were both state champions and wanted to make sure they would be recognized. Manager Shumard stated the volleyball sign is being worked on now. Mayor Lee stated they had asked the volleyball team to come to a Council meeting for recognition but the time has not worked out.

Alderman Martin asked Alderman Wise to set aside his politicing for East Seventh Street to be reconstructed. The street system has worked well. Favoritism and the squeaky wheel have been taken out of the process. Alderman Stauter stated that he believes it is unethical to influence citizens for personal reasons.

Alderman Martin asked where the City is at with the roll-out of the new brand. Manager Shumard stated nothing has happened yet but we do have the brand for signs, trucks, and new letterhead.

Alderman Martin made a motion to move to Closed Session at 6:45 pm, as provided by 5 ILCS 120(c)(5), for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel of real estate should be acquired and contingencies related therein; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Hopping, Martin, Stauter, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to reconvene to the open meeting at 7:58 pm; seconded by Alderman Hopping. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Hopping, Martin, Stauter, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk