

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Linda Marley, Joe Martin, Lou Sotelo, and Amy Viering. Absent: Alderman Barry Cox.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, City Management Intern Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Director of Financial Services Cindy Von Holten, Code Enforcement Officer Amanda Schmidt, Police Lt. Doug Fargher, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

- A) City Council Minutes
 - 1) February 6, 2012 Regular Meeting
 - 2) February 13, 2012 Study Session
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$1,090,556.12
- C) Refer to Plan Commission a petition from St. Mary Catholic Church requesting permission to encroach onto the right-of-way of West Sixth Street to accommodate an enclosure for a lift

The motion was seconded by Alderman Marley. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering made a motion to approve the appointments to the Boards and Commissions per Mayor Lee's recommendation, as follows:

- Diane Ausman Band Commission thru 6/30/17
- John Gehrke Building Code Board of Appeals thru 6/30/15
- Fred Gebhardt Building Code Board of Appeals thru 6/30/17
- Mary White Fire and Police Commission thru 6/30/15
- Brad Leuschke Mechanical Code Board of Appeals thru 6/20/16
- David Jones Plumbing Code Board of Appeals thru 6/30/14
- Larry Reaver Plumbing Code Board of Appeals thru 6/30/14
- David Jones Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board thru 6/30/13

The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to pass **Resolution No. R2012-02-03 Regarding Medicare-only Coverage for Certain Eligible Employees of the City of Sterling;** seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Manager Shumard noted that contributions are not back payments but employees' and employer's share for Medicare to police officers and

firefighters who were not eligible for Medicare coverage. This is a one-time offer and employees can vote to choose to pay for coverage. The vote can be individually or majority rules for coverage or non-coverage. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Marley made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2012-02-05 Providing for the Purchase of Certain Real Property** through Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 funds:

- 710 Avenue D
- 308 West Seventh Street
- 1104 East LeFevre
- 1012 West Fourth Street
- 1507 16th Avenue
- 411 16th Avenue
- 1410 East 14th Street
- 410 West Ninth Street
- 905 Third Avenue
- 1002 West Fifth Street
- 1003 West Sixth Street
- 607 13th Avenue
- 602 Dillon Avenue
- 1405 Johnson Avenue
- 1411 Johnson Avenue
- 701 Locust Street
- 608-620 East Third Street
- 1001 Sixth Avenue

The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Manager Shumard confirmed that five properties are close to being sold. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to pass **Ordinance No. 2012-02-06 Providing for Fees for Stored Vehicles**; seconded by Alderman Viering. Lt. Fargher reported the fees begin after a vehicle owner has been contacted. Fees are increased to \$150, from \$50, for administrative fees and \$20 per day for storage, from \$5 per day. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Clerk Rombouts informed everyone that Tuesday was the last day for voters to register. Citizens can now register and vote at the same time at the County Clerk's office, in Morrison.

Mayor Lee thanked Lt. Fargher for his work with the Community Action Group and the Prescription Drug Disposal Drop-off Program.

Alderman Viering made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:43 pm as provided for under 5 ILCS 120/2(c) for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining issues; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering made a motion to reconvene the open meeting at 7:00 pm; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering made a motion to Authorize the Mayor to enter into a Labor Agreement with IAFF Local #2301; seconded by Alderman Martin. Manager Shumard summarized the highlights of the contract:

- Contract runs from May 2011 through April 2014
- Pay increases are .5% for year one, 2% for year two, and 2.5% for year three
- Holiday pay increased from 5% to 5.5%
- New hires will have a residency requirement within a 20 minute response time
- New hires must maintain EMT-BD certification
- Fire Lieutenants must attain Fire Officer I certification within 2 years of promotion
- Highest rank member on promotion list will serve as “designated officer-in-charge” instead of senior firefighter

Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee thanked Manager Shumard and Intern Skeffington-Vos for their diligence and support on reaching an agreement on this contract.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk