

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 18, 2012. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Lou Sotelo, and Amy Viering. Absent: Alderman Linda Marley.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Assistant to the City Manager Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Director of Financial Services Cindy Von Holten, Building and Zoning Superintendent Amanda Schmidt, Interim Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lavonne Finkle, 609 Avenue C, expressed concern of crime rates increasing because the City approved gambling machines.

Mary Carlson, 2004 15th Avenue, thanked Code Enforcement staff for addressing an issue she had reported to them.

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

- A) Minutes from Regular City Council of May 21, 2012
Special City Council of May 29, 2012
Regular City Council of June 4, 2012
Special City Council of June 11, 2012
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$397,417.52
- C) Refer to Plan Commission a Petition from Scott Hibbard requesting permission to encroach onto right-of-way on Fourth Avenue and East Second Street to allow for fencing to restore the property to the original look
- D) Petition from City of God Church to hold a bucket brigade on July 7 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the intersections of Second Avenue/Second Street, Third Street/Locust, Fifth Street/Locust and First Avenue/Third Street

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

Alderman Martin made a motion to pass **Ordinance No. 2012-06-21 Authorizing the Aggregation of Electrical Load and the Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance**; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Manager Shumard stated the first round of bids was received. Commonwealth Edison's current rate is 8.04 cents and the low bid came in at 4.4 cents. Hopefully, bids will be as good by the next meeting. We are unable to accept the bid this evening because we are just passing the ordinance. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to pass **Ordinance #2012-06-22 Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed on Public Works in the City**; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve **Resolution #R2012-06-10 for the Library .02% Building and Maintenance Levy**; seconded by Alderman Martin. Alderman Cox asked if this increases each year. Manager Shumard explained that it only increases with the EAV and is part of the tax levy each year. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering made a motion to approve **Resolution #R2012-06-11 to increase the cost of certified death certificates by \$2.00**; seconded by Alderman Elston. The State is increasing the surcharge fee on death certificates by \$2; as a result the City is also increasing this cost. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to award the bid to construct the street maintenance building addition to the low bidder of C & C General Contractors in the amount of \$143,264; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Manager Shumard explained that \$125,000 was budgeted for the replacement of this building after the fire and the rest of the funds will be from funds budgeted for a new snow blower. We are now able to purchase parts for our existing snow blower. Insurance proceeds from the fire have been spent to replace equipment that was lost in the fire.

Alderman Cox asked where Momence, Illinois is located because he prefers a closer contractor that may use local workers. Alderman Cox made a motion to amend the motion to accept the second low bid of Winter Construction from Freeport, Illinois, in the amount of \$145,444.40; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting on the amendment: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Voting on the motion to accept the bid from Winter Construction: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering reminded everyone the movie "Up" will be showing at the Grandon Civic Center on Thursday and bring your pup. Alderman Elston reminded everyone of the municipal band concerts on Wednesday evenings. Alderman Sotelo reminded everyone of Fourth Fridays happening this Friday.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Marie Rombouts, City Clerk