

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 1, 2016. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Bob Conklin, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Chris Schuchard, and John Stauter. Absent: Alderman Chris Wilen.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Lee welcomed Attorney Tim Zollinger.

Marilyn Kollie at 1208 East Sixth Street stated she and her neighbor, Mary Waite, at 601 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue are interested in purchasing the property at 603 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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

- A) Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2016
- B) Approval of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$964,187.71
- C) Sterling High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 30, 2016, at 3:30 pm
- D) Partial Pay Request #4 for ADA Compliant Intersections at Third Street/Fourth Avenue and Second Street/First Avenue to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$17,234.10
- E) Partial Pay Request #6 for Sixth and Eighth Avenues to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$117,066.47
- F) Partial Pay Request #4 for Sixth Avenue Road Reconstruction to Martin & Company Excavating in the amount of \$104,872.21
- G) Partial Pay Request #1 for ADA Sidewalk Improvements in front of UOI on First Avenue to O'Brien Civil Works in the amount of \$19,558.16
- H) Resolution #R2016-8-18 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate at 603 13th Avenue**
- I) Resolution #R2016-8-19 Authorizing the transfer of title of 202 West 7th Street, a multi-family dwelling from the City of Sterling to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation**
- J) Sterling-Rock Falls Jaycees to hold a bucket brigade on August 13, 2016

The motion was seconded by Alderman Schuchard. Manager Shumard noted that Item 3H is the property (603 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue) that Marilyn Kollie was interested in purchasing. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nayses – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to proclaim Tuesday, August 2, 2016 as National Night Out, seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried. Mayor Lee read the proclamation into the record.

Clerk Rombouts reported that Alderman Wilen had hip surgery last week and is home recovering.

Attorney Zollinger reported he will have more information on the expense reimbursements for public employees. Manager Shumard stated that our Travel Policy is close to the state requirements.

Acting Chief Morgan reported the "Safe Trade Zone" has been established behind City Hall and the City will be part of Hot Dog Days on Friday.

Manager Shumard reported that Second Street repairs should be wrapped up this week. The Water Company will then move onto the ten block of Third Street to replace the water main. City staff is working on a new Wellness Plan. Sixth Avenue reconstruction will be completed before the start of school. A few trees have been donated for the riverfront, as long as the City pays to move these trees.

Alderman Stauter asked about the bridge lights because some are white and some are yellow. Superintendent Schrader reported this has been addressed and all lights will be yellow.

Alderman Elston reported the last movie will be next Tuesday and the last concern is Wednesday. She encouraged everyone to enjoy these events and have some hot dogs on Friday.

Alderman Conklin asked about variances and zoning. He has a business on Second Street that has no street frontage. He has a sign that is not permitted because it is considered an off-premise sign. Conklin wants to know the procedure to appeal. He believes the City needs to work with businesses that are in town. Attorney Zollinger asked Conklin to submit his proposal to Code Enforcement and we can discuss the path to take.

Mayor Lee thanked Alderman Martin for covering the last meeting. Alderman Martin welcomed the Mayor back. Martin reported that he swore in new hospital board members. Alderman Martin then asked where we are in naming a permanent Police Chief. Manager Shumard stated that he is getting a bit ahead of the agenda.

Mayor Lee reported that he spent two weeks in the Smokey Mountains. While visiting other communities he realized they are confronted with the same problems that Sterling faces. Mayor Lee thanked Public Works crews for the fine work they are doing.

Alderman Martin made a motion to move to a "Closed Session" at 7:00 pm to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body as provided for by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); seconded by Alderman Conklin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to reconvene the open meeting at 7:15 pm; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk