

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 2, 2014. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Chris Schuchard, Lou Sotelo, and John Stauter. Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, City Management Intern Kevin Smith, Code Enforcement Officer Amanda Schmidt, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Fire Deputy Chief Mike Dettman, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, Police Lieutenant Tim Morgan, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no communication from Visitors.

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

- A) City Council Minutes of August 18, 2014
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$875,670.16
- C) Plan Commission Minutes of July 17, 2014
- D) Petition to allow Newman High School to hold their annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 26 at 2:00 pm
- E) Petition to allow Sterling High School to hold their annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 3, at 3:30 pm
- F) Petition to allow the City of God Church to solicit funds on Saturday, October 4 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the intersections of Second Avenue/Second Street, Third Street/Locust, Fourth Street/Locust, and First Avenue/Third Street
- G) Petition to allow Sterling Township to solicit funds at the intersections of Second Street/Second Avenue, First Avenue/Third Street, Fourth Street/Second Avenue from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 18
- H) Petition to allow Christ Lutheran School to hold annual 5K Run on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 8:30 am
- I) Final Pay Request for Coliseum Remodeling to Sjostrom & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000.00
- J) **Resolution #R2014-9-11 to close Fourth Street** for a movie at Grandon Civic Center on Friday, September 5, 2014, in conjunction with the Taste of Fiesta Activities
- K) Partial Pay Request #3 for Woodburn Avenue Street Project to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$53,830.19
- L) Partial Pay Request #6 for 2013 Street Project Contract #2 to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$83,286.19

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

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve Mayor Lee's recommendations to the following Boards and Commissions:

- Band Commission appoint R. Allen Lee expires 6/30/2019
- Library Board appoint Brooke Cochran expires 6/30/2015
- Plan Commission reappoint Rick Andersen expires 6/30/2017
- Plan Commission reappoint Rene Morris expires 6/30/2017
- Fire-Police Commission reappoint Tom Ausman expires 6/30/2017

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

Alderman Elston made a motion to proclaim Saturday, September 6, 2014, as Fiesta Day Community Celebration 2014; seconded by Alderman Stauter. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried. Mayor Lee stated this event kicks off a week of Fiesta celebrations in the community. Mayor Lee asked Deputy Chief Dettman to advise the Council of arrangements for the parade.

Mayor Lee introduced the Plan Commission's recommendation to deny the petition from Northland Mall to amend the sign code back to the Plan Commission. Manager Shumard explained that Northland Mall requested this petition be sent back to the Plan Commission so corporate could better explain their request. Discussion followed on the location of the desired sign, if Plan Commission could reach another decision, and if corporate could explain their reasoning.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to refer the petition from the Northland Mall to amend the sign code back to the Plan Commission; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried. The next Plan Commission meeting will be September 25, 2014.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2014-09-15 Regarding Medical Cannabis Dispensaries and Cultivation Centers**; seconded by Alderman Schuchard.

Manager Shumard explained the ordinance reflects state statute. Plan Commission suggested a 500' setback from residential properties and a Special Use Permit. Chief Potthoff explained that the downtown area would not be possible because of setback requirements from schools and parks, parking would be insufficient, and the retrofitting of a building for statute requirements would be unlikely. Chief Potthoff emphasized this is not a typical pharmacy, state statutes are far more restrictive for medical cannabis dispensaries.

Voting on **Ordinance #2014-09-15**: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to deny the petition from the Caring Center to provide their facility with ten free parking spaces but to create permit parking at the rate of \$15 per quarter for Lot #4 (west side of the 100 block of Second Avenue); seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Alderman Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Clerk Rombouts announced that petitions can be circulated for positions of Mayor and Aldermen of the four wards.

Manager Shumard reported that part of the fence for Illinois American Water along Second Street will be removed.

Deputy Fire Chief Mike Dettman announced that the Fire Department has two new hires that have already been through training. He will also confirm the time for the parade.

Alderman Martin indicated Teri Sathoff had emailed a notice that the parade begins at noon and the Fire Department would like the Council to be at the fire station between 10:30 and 10:45 am. Martin also thanked the Public Works crews for their clean-up after storm damage.

Aldermen Sotelo and Elston echoed Martin's appreciation of City crews.

Mayor Lee expressed appreciation for Public Works crews who cleared the streets within 24 hours and the Fire and Police for their emergency responses. Mayor Lee mentioned that we will be reviewing our policy on bucket brigades. We want to help charities but we don't want a toll to get to the downtown.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk