

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

Also present were City Attorney Tim Zollinger, City Manager Scott Shumard, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Dettman, Police Chief Tim Morgan, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tom Brackemeyer asked when the sidewalk in the 400 and 500 blocks of LeFevre will be repaired. Mayor Lee thanked Brackemeyer for his concern and stated it is not on the schedule yet.

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

- A) Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2016
- B) Approval of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$1,159,850.99
- C) Partial Pay Request #2 for ADA Sidewalk Improvements in front of UOI on First Avenue to O'Brien Civil Works in the amount of \$3,135.00
- D) Partial Pay Request #5 for Sixth Avenue Reconstruction to Martin & Company in the amount of \$197,376.17
- E) Partial Pay Request #1 for Wallace Street/Avenue B to O'Brien Civil Works in the amount of \$66,271.50
- F) Acceptance of the bid for demolition of a multi-family dwelling located at 202 West Seventh Street through the Blight Reduction Program
- G) Knights of Columbus #662 to hold a Bucket Brigade on September 17, 2016

The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Alderman Wilen asked if there was a concern with the low bid for demolition because it is half of the other bids. Manager Shumard stated that CP's Demolition has routinely been cheaper and does the job according to specifications. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Deputy Chief Dettman announced that Mike Amesquita was unable to attend the meeting because of his wife's health concerns and asked to reschedule his recognition until November.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring September 12 through 16, 2016 as Chamber of Commerce Week, seconded by Alderman Martin.

Chamber Director Kris Noble announced this week is to celebrate the Chamber and bring more awareness to what we do in the community. On September 15, there will be a celebration from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at The Factory. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried. Mayor Lee read the proclamation into the record.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2016-09-19 Establishing the New Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone**; including property tax abatement, approval to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement, Addendum "A, full legal description and parcel list of zone; seconded by Alderman Elston. Manager Shumard stated this is one of the few options that Sterling can offer for economic incentives. Attorney Zollinger stated this process will renew the Enterprise Zone for 15 years. The renewal application next time will not require the full process. The Enterprise Zone map was slightly amended in this process. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Stauter made a motion to approve the Lawrence Lofts Rental Assistance Agreement; seconded by Alderman Martin. Manager Shumard reported two of the residential units will have rental assistance in the amount of \$200 per month, per unit, not to exceed \$52,800 for the term of the agreement. This money will be reimbursed from Sterling Today. Alderman Conklin asked who owns the building. Attorney Zollinger reported the owner is Lawrence Lofts LLP. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Conklin made a motion to waive the bidding process and accept the low quote from Sterling Fence for installation of an ornamental fence on top of the seawall along the riverfront; seconded by Alderman Wilen. Manager Shumard explained photos were attached to show the fence location. Grant money cannot be used for the fence installation. The Best Cobb building will be removed next year. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Clerk Rombouts announced that petitions can be circulated for Alderman-at-Large. The filing period is in November with the election in April.

Deputy Chief Dettman reported that Chief Cook would be driving the fire truck for the parade and Teri will send reminders on time and location.

Manager Shumard reported that construction will resume at Fifth Avenue and Folkers.

Alderman Conklin stated that he received an email from Hilda with the Code Enforcement report. He would like to see what action was taken with the projects. Conklin also reported that Lifka at River Road and Reno Road has been experiencing water problems. Manager Shumard stated that the Storm Water Plan to recommends a

new detention pond in that area. Alderman Martin promoted the ½% sales tax to start working on these water issues.

Alderman Conklin would like the rental property inspection program to move forward. Conklin also suggested growing ivy on the side of the Lawrence Brothers Building to enhance the appearance.

Alderman Wilen encouraged Council members to complete the Main Street survey. Wilen also reported a complaint from Greg Blackburn at 2008 Fourth Avenue. Now that school has resumed, traffic has picked up in the neighborhood and he would like to see it slowed down with a four-way stop at East 19th Street and Fourth Avenue.

Alderman Elston thanked Brad Schrader and Public Works crews for their response during the recent rain events.

Alderman Stauter cited problems with utility solicitors. Chief Morgan stated that stickers are available for residents to post that state "No Solicitors Invited". Morgan clarified this does not apply to school children or not-for-profits.

Alderman Martin asked about the letter implying endorsement of an electrical company from the City. Mayor Lee explained that his quote was taken out of context. Mayor Lee stated that he, nor the City, endorses any utility company.

Mayor Lee welcomed Chief Morgan back. Mayor Lee reminded Council members of FEMA training that could affect funding in case of disaster. Mayor Lee also commended the Police Department on the Officer Involved Shooting Film presented by Doug Fargher. The film dealt with Community Relations. Mayor Lee urged the Council to do ride-alongs with the departments to see what they deal with daily.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk