

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 20, 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, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Dettman, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, 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, with the exception of "L" which will be handled separately:

- A) City Council Minutes of October 6, 2014
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$3,619,288.25
- C) Trick or Treat Hours set for Friday, October 31, 2014 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm
- D) **Resolution #2014-10-13 to close First Avenue for the Twin Cities Holiday Parade** on Saturday, November 22, 2014 starting at 1:00 pm
- E) Award Bid for Snow Removal Services for Central Business District Parking Lots and Alleys to AAA Concrete of Rock Falls, costs vary dependent on necessary equipment and amount of snow
- F) Final Pay Request for Fifth Avenue Reconstruction to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$64,960.65
- G) Final Pay Request for Woodburn Avenue Reconstruction to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$8,356.44
- H) Partial Pay Request #7 for 2013 Contract #2 to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$23,151.15
- I) Refer Petition from Bess Anselmo for sewer connection and annexation of certain property at 1712 Woodburn Avenue to Plan Commission
- J) Petition from Sauk Valley Marine Corp League to hold a bucket brigade on Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the intersections of Second Avenue/Second Street and First Avenue/Third Street
- K) Partial Pay Request #2 for 2014 Streets Project Contract #1 to Civil Constructors in the amount of \$14,669.28

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

Alderman Cox made a motion to declare Friday, October 24, 2014 as Manufacturing Day; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Mayor Lee emphasized the importance of manufacturing in our community. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried. Mayor Lee read the proclamation into the record. Cary Robbins and Kevin Mullen were in attendance, representing Sterling Steel. Cary Robbins emphasized the importance of job skills for local manufacturing jobs. October 24, Manufacturing Day, is intended to share the pathways and opportunities with high school students.

Alderman Elston made a motion to adopt **Ordinance #2014-10-16 Amending Section 102-270**- Shopping center and multiple-tenant commercial building sign regulations; seconded by Alderman Stauter. Superintendent Schmidt stated it is a minor change stemming from the Dunham Sports sign. Plan Commission felt this change was not a negative change. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – Alderman Cox. Motion carried.

Clerk Rombouts reminded citizens of the upcoming filing period for candidate petitions running for Mayor and the Four Ward Aldermen. The filing period is November 17 to 24, 2014, as corrected by Alderman Martin.

Chief Potthoff reiterated for the press that Trick or Treat Hours will be from 4:30 to 7:00 pm on Friday, October 31, 2014.

Alderman Sotelo encouraged safety during Halloween activities. Alderman Martin was pleased that Sterling and Rock Falls will have a joint holiday parade. Alderman Elston encouraged everyone to enjoy the local bike paths with this great fall weather.

Mayor Lee reminded citizens that December 5 will end yard waste collection. Mayor Lee welcomed John Watts, former Alderman in Rock Falls. Mayor Lee echoed Alderman Sotelo's concerns for Halloween safety.

Manager Shumard reported that there will be a joint holiday parade but in addition, Sterling will be lighting the Christmas tree at Grandon on December 6 along with a downtown Christmas walk.

Alderman Sotelo supports Manufacturing Day and emphasizes the skills and demand in our community.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Marie Rombouts, City Clerk