

Mayor Amy Viering called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2011. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Cox, Elston, Lee, Marley, Martin and Sotelo.

Also present were City Manager Scott Shumard, City Attorney Ron Coplan, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Interim Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Lt. Tim Morgan, Police Lt. Doug Fargher, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

- 1) City Council Minutes of April 18, 2011
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$374,907.84

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

Alderman Elston made a motion to pass **Resolution No. R2011-05-10 Declaring the Results of the Consolidated Municipal Election on April 5, 2011**; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Clerk Rombouts administered the Mayoral Oath of Office to Charles "Skip" Lee. Mayor Lee administered the Oaths of Office to Retha Elston as Ward 1 Alderman, Barry Cox as Ward 2 Alderman, Lou Sotelo as Ward 3 Alderman, and Joe Martin as Ward 4 Alderman.

Former Mayor Amy Viering passed the gavel to Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee and wished him the best of luck.

Alderman Joe Martin presented Amy Viering with a small gavel charm because she made history as the first female Mayor and broke the glass ceiling for women.

Alderman Cox made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38p.m.

Mayor Skip Lee reconvened the meeting of the Sterling City Council at 6:39 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2011. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Cox, Elston, Marley, Martin and Sotelo. Absent: None.

Also present were City Manager Scott Shumard, City Attorney Ron Coplan, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Interim Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Lt. Tim Morgan, Police Lt. Doug Fargher, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Lee welcomed Boy Scout Troop 72 and members of his church. Mayor Lee introduced his family, wife Sue, children Will and Jenny, granddaughter Amelia, brother Allen, and mother Mary Ann.

There was no communication from Visitors.

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

- 1) Plan Commission minutes for the March 17, 2011 meeting
- 2) Petition from the Newman Key Club to hold a bucket brigade fundraiser for the PADS Homeless Shelter on Friday, September 30, 2011, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the intersection of Second Avenue/Second Street

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

Mayor Lee congratulated Lt. Tim Morgan on his recent graduation from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute. Lt. Morgan joined the department in 1993 and is a 2003 graduate of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. Lt. Fargher spoke on behalf of Chief Potthoff and explained how important this is and how Lt. Morgan continually rises to the top of his class.

Manager Shumard noted how fortunate Sterling is to have two great Police Lieutenants despite our small size.

Lt. Fargher introduced Sterling's newest police officer, Greg Williams, who graduated from Basic Training in Champaign on Thursday and is currently in our 14 week field training program. Williams is from Taylorville, in southern Illinois.

Alderman Marley made a motion to approve Mayor Lee's appointment of Fourth Ward Alderman Joe Martin as Vice Chairperson for a period of one year; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee recognized Officer Frank Hopes for his contribution to traffic safety with 50 arrests of impaired drivers. Lt. Fargher explained that the Illinois Department of Transportation recognizes officers for their commitment to the safety of citizens. Hopes has been an officer with the Sterling Police Department for 12 years.

Alderman Elston made a motion to proclaim May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 15 – 21, 2011, as Peace Officers Week in Sterling, Illinois; seconded by Alderman Martin. Alderman Elston read the proclamation into the record. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to proclaim Saturday, May 14, 2011, as Letter Carrier Food Drive Day, seconded by Alderman Marley. Alderman Cox read the proclamation into the record. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to proclaim May 15 through 21, 2011, as National Public Works Week in Sterling, Illinois; seconded by Alderman Martin. Alderman Marley read the proclamation into the record. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Shumard reported one more award to present. He recognized Tom Jensen for 20 years of service on the Plan Commission. Jensen has worked through two Comprehensive Plan Updates, two sign code revisions, and many Special Use Permits. Jensen served as Chair for several years and many more as Vice-Chair, with no financial compensation. Alderman Sotelo stated that he has been comfortable and confident with the recommendations presented to the Council from the Plan Commission. Mayor Lee presented Tom Jensen with a certificate honoring his time with the Plan Commission.

Alderman Marley made a motion to approve the MICA insurance renewal for fiscal year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$564,439; seconded by Alderman Elston. Manager Shumard reminded Council members that MICA is an insurance pool and have saved money for the City. This 4.2% increase reflects the public works fire. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Clerk Rombouts reminded the Council and citizens of the second annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 7:00 a.m. at the Abiding Word Christian Center.

Manager Shumard reported from IDOT that Route 2 should be completed the second week of June. Route 2 from 19th to 8th Avenue is not in the six year plan and suggests that we work with IDOT to get that project into the six year plan.

Manager Shumard stated Clean and Green days are May 13 and 14. Garbage drop-off at Public Works will be on Friday, May 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. On Friday, May 13, we will be looking for volunteers to help plant flowers, as well as refinish the cannons and restrain the gazebo in Grandon Civic Center. Time slots are from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a lunch for volunteers at the Grandon Civic Center from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Manager Shumard encouraged Council members to write their legislators about the State's proposal to cut the City's share of income taxes. The City could lose \$360,000 annually.

Alderman Cox asked about the disposal of paints and thinners during the Clean and Green event. Manager Shumard stated dried paints can be disposed of but thinners are a hazardous waste and the County landfills provide special drives for them. Electronics, with CRTs, will be accepted for recycling.

Mayor Lee thanked Amy Viering for her service to the City.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk