

Mayor Lee called the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday January 3, 2023. Roll call. Present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Retha Elston, Christine Wilen, Josh Johnson, Joseph Martin, Kaitlyn Ekquist and Jim Wise. Absent: None.

Also attending were City Attorney Tim Zollinger, City Manager Scott Shumard, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader, Police Chief Alex Chavira, Fire Chief Michael Dettman, Superintendent of Wastewater Cory Bradshaw, and City Clerk Teri Sathoff.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes.
- B. Approval of Bills and Payroll.
- C. Refer to the Plan Commission the petition from Mahboob and Saleha Khan to expand and change special use at 409 Avenue L and 1204 West 4th Street.
- D. Refer to the Plan Commission the Petition from Pete Harkness for the Subdivision Plat at 31382 Holly Road.
- E. Refer to the Plan Commission the Petition from Dan Koster for the Subdivision Plat 2.5 Acre Parcel Along Lynn Blvd (Peaceful Properties).
- F. Pay Request #4 (Final) to Martin and Company for Avenue D and E in the amount of \$1,491.00.
- G. Pay Request to Strand Associates Inc. for Griswold Avenue Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$28,646.81.
- H. Pay Request to McDermaid Roofing and Insulating Co. for Central Park Concessions in the amount of \$31,975.00.

Motion seconded by Alderman Wilen. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Wilen, Johnson, Martin, Ekquist, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-01-01 Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Fire Apparatus (2002 Pierce Engine); Seconded by Alderman Ekquist. This fire apparatus will be sold using a sealed bid process. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Wilen, Johnson, Martin, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

Alderman Ekquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-01-02 Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Fire Apparatus (2003 Spartan Alexis); Seconded by Alderman Wise. This apparatus will be donated to US Ambulances for Ukraine. Chris Mason, the founder of US Ambulances for Ukraine was present via Zoom to answer questions regarding the donation process. Manson

stated the idea for this project came after his seven-year-old daughter asked if there was something that could be done locally to assist the war-torn country of Ukraine. In the last ten months the company has donated eighteen (18) ambulances to the effort. There are an additional ten (10) ambulances and one (1) fire truck currently on a ship in route to Ukraine. Manson stated Sterling's fire engine will be going to a "hot spot" and they are in desperate need of fire equipment. Accountability is extremely important to Manson, all current vehicle donations are accounted for, Manson will keep City Manager Shumard updated on the location of the fire engine.

Mayor Lee inquired how the public could donate monetarily, Manson reported that US Ambulances for Ukraine does not accept money. The company that provides for the shipping of the vehicles, ua-resistance.org, does accept monetary donations. Citizens can be directed to their website for monetary donations.

Alderman Wise thanked Mr. Manson and his daughter for assisting the people of Ukraine. Wise thanked the City staff and the community for rallying around this effort.

Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Wilen, Johnson, Martin, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

Alderman Wise made a motion to Waive Bid Process and Accept a Quote from Karl Chevrolet in the amount of \$60,491.99 for a 2023 Police Package Chevrolet Tahoe for the Sterling Fire Department; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Wilen, Johnson, Martin, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

Alderman Elston made a motion to accept the bid from Burke Excavating for demolition the dwelling located at 901/903 1st Avenue; Seconded by Alderman Wilen. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Wilen, Johnson, Martin, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

Alderman Ekquist made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 to Hoerr Construction in the amount of \$321,409.61 for the slip lining of the sewer lines; Seconded by Alderman Wise. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Wilen, Johnson, Martin, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 to Willett Hofmann and Associates in the amount of \$10,629.75; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Wilen, Johnson, Martin, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

City Clerk Sathoff reported the Utility Gifting program has received \$2,741.46 in donations. This program has provided assistance to twenty families.

Attorney Zollinger reported there are additional properties that he and Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt are in the process of obtaining judicial deeds for.

City Manager Shumard reported the RFQ for the quiet zone will be on the next Council agenda. Shumard also stated he has spoken to IDOT in regards to the welcome/entry sign at the roundabout on Science Ridge Road.

Mayor Lee requested the status on the concession stand at Central Park, City Manager Shumard reported the roof has been paid for this is one of the final steps of completion. Mayor Lee inquired about the status of the tri-plex on 16th Avenue as well as the status of 301 West 3rd Street. Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt stated the property on 16th Avenue was sold to Jeff and Carol Corwell, they are in the process of rehabbing it. Schmidt stated the property at 301 West 3rd Street is being monitored, the owner was reroofing the property without a permit or a licensed contractor. There are some questions to the structural integrity of the north east corner of the building. The building department will continue to monitor it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Teri Sathoff

City Clerk