

Mayor Diana Merdian called the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 15, 2023. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Joe Strabala-Bright, Josh Johnson, Joseph Martin, Kaitlyn Ekquist and Jim Wise. Absent: None

Also attending were City Attorney Matt Cole, City Manager Scott Shumard, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader, Deputy Police Chief E. Pat Bartel, Fire Chief Michael Dettman, and City Clerk Teri Sathoff.

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

- A. Approval of Minutes.
- B. Resolution 2023-05-16 to Close Fourth Street for The Sauk Valley Diversity Event at Grandon.
- C. Approval of Bills and Payroll.
- D. Proclamation Declaring May 21st - May 27th as National Public Works Week.
- E. Request from First Presbyterian Church to waive rental fees associated with Grandon Civic Center on July 23, 2023 for a Community Event.
- F. Pay Request (Final) to Twin City Construction in the Amount of \$50,316.00 for Central Memorial Park.

Seconded by Alderman Strabala-Bright. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Strabala-Bright, Johnson, Ekquist, Martin and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Wise made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-05-09 Amending the Zoning Code for Accessory Structures, Fencing and Driveway Regulations; Seconded by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Wise asked Superintendent of Building and Zoning Schmidt, if this addressed Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). Schmidt stated this does not, this allows larger sized parcels to have a larger accessory building. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Ekquist, Strabala-Bright, Marin and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to Award the bid to TGS Property Maintenance for the 2023 Nuisance Mowing Program; Seconded by Alderman Wise. Alderman Martin asked if Chuck Gaumer had retired, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Schmidt advised that Mr. Gaumer was no longer interested in mowing the properties. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Ekquist, Strabala-Bright, Martin and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Ekquist made a motion to Waive Bid Process and Accept a Quote from Midwest Flooring Concepts in the amount of \$76,275 to Epoxy Floors at Public Works; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Ekquist, Strabala-Bright, Martin and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Wise made a motion to Waive Bid Process and Accept a Quote from Midwest Flooring Concepts in the amount of \$59,250 to Epoxy Floors at the Main Fire Station; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Ekquist, Strabala-Bright, Martin and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Ekquist made a motion to Waive Bid Process and Accept the the low quote of \$191,000 from Musco for a double 74' x 96' mini-pitch system; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Alderman Wise asked what would be done to discourage vandals. City Manager Shumard stated the IT Department is developing a quote for security cameras for the park. Alderman Ekquist thanked City Manager Shumard for all the work and man hours that was put into this project. Ekquist asked how long it will take to complete the project, Shumard advised there is an 8 to 12 week lead on the product and once the install is started it should take a week to complete. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Ekquist, Strabala-Bright, Martin and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Deputy Chief Bartel reported the police department held testing on Saturday May 13th, 8 applicants tested. The Run for the Badge 5K was also held on Saturday May 13th, they had 100 participants, the Salvation Army was the benefactor for this race. The City auction will be on Saturday May 20th at 10:00am at the Public Works building on Avenue L.

Chief Dettman reported one firefighter attended Company Officer fire ground training. The duty crew attended the Car Show on May 7th and will be attending the Cruise nights at the Sterling Marketplace. Dettman also reported the foam systems on Engines 3 and 5 are currently down, there will be someone coming in to look at both systems.

Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader stated the Green and Clean was a success, they filled seven (7) 40-yard dumpsters, collected 150 tires, 75 gallons of oil, 26 pallets of electronics and 3 dump truck loads of scrap metal. Crews are finishing the concrete work at Grandon and they have started mowing.

Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt reported she met with the grant writer for round 2 of the Stronger Communities Grant. They will be applying for that.

Sterling Main Street Director, Janna Groharing, reported there was a great turn out for the Car show on May 7th. The Shoppes at Grandon will be open June 7th, the cruise nights and pop up markets will be starting up soon.

Sauk Valley Chamber of Commerce Director, Kris Noble, reported that the Chamber allocated \$21,750 in scholarships, she is very proud of this.

Alderman Strabala-Bright thanked City Manager Shumard and the staff for the orientation. Strabala-Bright stated he was very impressed with all the work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure that the City runs smooth.

Alderman Elston thanked Chief Chavira for help with some issues, she thanked Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt for help with some houses, she thanked Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader for some areas that had been dug up by utility companies and not properly repaired. Elston reported she had been contacted by a citizen that is upset by the amount of dog feces in Dale Park. Dog owners in the area are not cleaning up after their pets. Deputy Chief Bartel reported that unless the owner is caught in the act of not cleaning up the mess they are not able to issue citations. The Police Department will provide extra attention to the area.

Alderman Wise thanked the police department and support staff for the way an incident was handled on 5th Avenue Saturday morning. The person involved asked Alderman Wise to express their gratitude.

City Manager Shumard reported there will be a request from the Jaycees for a donation towards the fireworks, this will be on the June 5th agenda, he just received a draft Business Development District report for Northland Mall, the surveyors will be starting on the subdivision behind Walgreens and the UP agreed to a quiet zone meeting on June 7th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

Teri Sathoff

City Clerk