

Mayor Lee called the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday May 16, 2022. Roll call. Present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Retha Elston, Josh Johnson, Joe Martin, Christine Wilen, Kaitlyn Ekquist and Jim Wise. Absent: None.

Also attending were City Attorney Matthew Cole, 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, Assistant Superintendent of Wastewater Cory Bradshaw and City Clerk Teri Sathoff.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Shirley Sharp , 2109 10th Avenue Sterling, addressed the Council. Mrs. Sharp stated she requested a copy of the email that was between Mayor Lee and Attorney Tim Zollinger in reference to the investigation that was done about maintaining the cul-de-sac near her residence, she is upset that the request was denied. Mrs. Sharp requested the City supply her with the answer to why the City will not maintain the cul-de-sac in her neighborhood.

Mitchell Johnston with the Sterling Rock Falls Jay Cees requested the Council donate \$2,500 to the July 4th fireworks display. The fireworks will be held on July 1st. In 2021 the City of Sterling donated \$2,500. The display historically costs \$9,000 the supplier advised the Jay Cees there will be a 30% increase in the price this year. Mayor Lee stated the Council will discuss this and take it into consideration. Alderman Elston asked Mr. Johnston if the Jay Cees requested money from the City of Rock Falls, Johnston advised that the request for money from Rock Falls goes to Rock Falls Tourism.

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. Request to waive fees for the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual Hot Dog Days at Sterling Marketplace
- D. Pay Request #7 for former National Training Building Demolition Renovation to Gehrke Construction in the amount of \$56,870.800
- E. 2022-2023 MICA Insurance Renewal for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$647,398.
- F. Sterling American Legion Auxiliary to hold a Bucket Brigade on May 28, 2022
- G. Diversity Committee of the Sauk Valley requests the use of Grandon Civic Center on June 18, 2022 and June 19, 2022; request fees to be waived
- H. First Presbyterian Church requests the use of Grandon Civic Center on July 17, 2022; request fees to be waived

Motion seconded by Alderman Wilen. Mayor Lee asked if the MICA renewal had increased, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten stated there was an increase of 4.6% however it was still below

the budgeted increase of 10%. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Johnson, Ekquist, Wilen and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve MFT General Maintenance; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Alderman Martin asked how this was comparable to last year, City Manager advised that there was a slight increase. Alderman Elston asked why we only received one bid, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader stated one to two bids is usually what is received. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to Waive Bid Process and Purchase Axon Body Worn Cameras and Axon Fleet Camera systems from Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$178,145.70; Seconded by Wilen. Chief Chavira stated this is a small price to pay for the peace of mind that the cameras will bring. Chavira stated that the staff is looking forward to having them in place. Alderman Elston questioned the expense with storage of the footage. Chavira advised that the footage will be stored in the cloud and will be retained pursuant to State statute, the expense for storage is minimal compared to what it was in the past. Alderman Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Johnson made a motion to Waive the Bid Process and Purchase New Fitness Equipment from Rogue; Seconded by Alderman Ekquist. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2022-05-20 Amending the Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Ekquist made a motion to approve the Pay Request #1 to Winter Construction in the amount of \$75,912.74 for the Coliseum Ceiling Repairs and lighting upgrades; Seconded by Alderman Johnson. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Wise made a motion to Award Bid for 2022 Street Construction Program to Helm of Freeport, Illinois in the amount of \$557,173.00; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader stated the Green and Clean was a success, items that were turned in included; 300 tires, 35 skids of electronic waste, 150 gallons of oil, two 30 yard dumpsters and one 40 yard dumpster were filled.

Chief Dettman thanked Alderman Wise for attending the awards ceremony in Springfield, the department and the Chief appreciate his support as well as the support they have received the last 6 months.

Chief Chavira reminded everyone of the stock the squad event on June 3rd. This is being held by the detective division. Chavira also stated that Detective Ellmaker received the Officer of the Year award from the Sterling Optimist Club.

Alderman Wise thanked Chief Dettman, stated that he was humbled to be there. Wise asked Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt why there were so many yards with long grass. Schmidt advised it was weather related and the summer intern had just started and is working on it.

Mayor Lee asked the Council for a moment of silence in remembrance of Deputy Chief Mohr's mother who passed away earlier in the week.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Teri Sathoff

City Clerk