

Mayor Lee called the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday July 18, 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 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. Pay Request #1 to Hibbard Builders in the Amount of \$75,269.84 for Central Memorial Park.
- D. Pay Request #8 for former National Training Building Demolition Renovation to Gehrke Construction in the amount of \$24,854.57.

Motion seconded by Alderman Wilen. Alderman Wise asked about the transfers of the police pension funds, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten informed the Council that the date for that has changed to September 30, 2022. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Johnson, Ekquist, Wilen and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to Award Bid for Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation to Hoerr of Goodfield, IL in the amount of \$464,219.00; Seconded by Alderman Wise. Alderman Wise asked if this would close both entrances to the Maple Pancake House, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader stated that it will not, only 1 lane will be closed on each 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee removed from the agenda, Ordinance No 2022-07-22 Approving a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Sterling and Highlands Development, LLC for the Property at 2901 E. Lincolnway. City Manager Shumard stated the agreement was sent with changes that need to be verified.

Alderman Wise made a motion to approve \$30,000 in Federal ARPA funds to the Whiteside County Healthier Communities Partnership's Post-Pandemic Truancy Program; Seconded by Alderman Wilen. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Police Chief Alex Chavira thanked Sergeant Todd Messer for 25 years of service to the citizens of Sterling. Chavira stated that Sergeant Messer did an outstanding job and he will be missed.

Attorney Zollinger reported that the City will be acquiring two more properties in the next sixty days for demolition.

City Manager Shumard stated that there is a preconstruction meeting for Wallace Street this week and there will be an engineer's report for Griswold Avenue on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Shumard advised the Council that the Riverfront committee met and toured the Lawrence Brother's property along with the National property. Fehr Graham will be x-raying the floor for voids. Scans of the building will be done for virtual tours, Gorman and Associates will be creating a website to showcase the progress that has been done to date and the future potential. The Riverfront committee will be going over the list of priorities and discussing that at the next meeting.

Alderman Johnson reminded the Council about Owen Harrell's request for \$1,500 for the PCs for People program. Alderman Johnson would like to have the Council approve the \$1,500 at the August 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting. The \$1,500 would offset the cost to the citizens that qualify for the laptops in the program.

Alderman Elston stated the Pop-up Market was a nice time, she reminded everyone to attend the Municipal Band on Wednesday night. She thanked Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt for the burned-out properties that have been demolished.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Teri Sathoff

City Clerk