

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 7, 2013. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Linda Marley, Joe Martin, Lou Sotelo, and Amy Viering. Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Assistant to City Manager Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Director of Financial Services Cindy Von Holten, Building and Zoning Superintendent Amanda Schmidt, Fire Captain Mike Dettman, Superintendent of Waste Water Treatment Scott Howard, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

Mayor Lee asked members of Scout Troop 305 to come forward and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

- A) Minutes from December 17, 2012
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$2,029,422.80
- C) Partial Pay Request #7 to Sjostrom & Sons, Inc. for City Hall remodeling in the amount of \$404,002.87

The motion was seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Marley, Martin, Sotelo, and Viering. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to purchase a 2013 Chevrolet HD ¾ ton 4 WD pick-up truck with snow plow package from Raymond Chevrolet in the amount of \$34,365; seconded by Alderman Marley. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Marley, Martin, Sotelo, and Viering. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering made a motion to approve **Resolution #R2013-01-01 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate, 1411 Johnson Avenue and 905 Third Avenue**; seconded by Alderman Elston. Manager Shumard reported that four houses remain to be sold and \$400,000 to be spent before May to close this grant. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Marley, Martin, Sotelo, and Viering. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to waive the bidding process and approve the SBM furniture proposal in the amount of \$109,290.10; seconded by Alderman Viering. Alderman Cox asked if other companies could provide the same furnishings. Manager Shumard explained that SBM worked diligently with staff for these prices. Alderman Cox feels that the installation price reflects their profits because it is so high. Manager Shumard explained this includes storing items until remodeling is complete and still

purchasing at this lower price. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Marley, Martin, Sotelo, and Viering. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Shumard reported the GSDC closed on the theater on December 21, 2012. Lead and asbestos have to be dealt with now. There will be a new project manager for the Coliseum remodeling project. This is the last week for Christmas tree pick-up.

Assistant Hadley Skeffington-Vos reported the survey for community branding is available on the City's website. We have had 90 responses since 4:00 pm today. She encouraged everyone to take the survey.

Manager Shumard reported that demolition bids will be opened for 401 Broadway on January 10.

Mayor Lee stated that everyone received their 2012-13 budgets and asked for comments. Mayor Lee wished everyone a Happy New Year. He informed everyone that he wants the City to work on speaking with one voice, meaning the same answer comes from all sources.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk