

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 3, 2014. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Christopher Schuchard, Lou Sotelo, and John Stauter. Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Building and Zoning Superintendent Amanda Schmidt, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Dettman, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no communication from Visitors.

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

- A) City Council minutes of January 20, 2014
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$689,238.72
- C) Approval of Plan Commission minutes for November 21, 2013 and December 19, 2013 meetings
- D) Refer to Plan Commission a city-initiated change to the zoning code for community residences, shared housing, and assisted living facilities

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

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the appointments to Boards and Commissions as recommended by Mayor Lee:

- John Stauter as Council representative to the Storm Water and Erosion Control Appeals Board with a term to expire June 30, 2015
- John Stauter as Council representative to the Sterling Industrial Development Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2016
- Rich McNinch as Sterling Business Community Member on the Sterling Industrial Development Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2017
- Jerry Binder as Educational Institution Member on the Sterling Industrial Development Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2018

The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Mayor Lee stated that he will be reviewing liaison positions to the various Boards and Commissions. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2014-02-02 Amending the Liquor Code to permit draught beer in specialty beverage stores**; seconded

by Alderman Schuchard. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Schuchard made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2014-02-03 Creating the Position of Deputy Fire Chief**; seconded by Alderman Elston.

Manager Shumard explained this change is a result of the Twin City Joint Fire Command and moves one of the four captain positions to a deputy chief position. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Stauter made a motion to waive the bid process and purchase a 2002 Pierce Dash fire engine from Byron Fire Protection District in the amount of \$170,000; seconded by Alderman Martin. Deputy Chief Dettman stated they have been using a back-up fire engine which reduces their efficiency. The Byron unit may be three years older but has half the miles that Engine 3 had and is the Cadillac version of Engine 3. Byron takes excellent care of their equipment. A new engine could have taken 6 to 8 months to attain and cost approximately \$500,000. Dettman is working with the insurance company to see if we can reuse the extrication trays that were installed on Engine 3. Dettman believes insurance should be covering between \$160,000 and \$190,000 for the totaled engine which cost \$320,000 new. Rock Falls has replacement value but Shumard warned that because we are self-insured those replacement costs would be recuperated at a later date. Voting: Ayes – Alderman Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Shumard announced that Friday will be the kick-off meeting with Cardno for the riverfront project. He reported the grant that Rock Falls received for the limestone building is the same grant we have been applying for on the Lawrence Brothers building.

Alderman Elston asked where we are with the budget meetings. Manager Shumard stated that he would let everyone know as soon as possible.

Mayor Lee thanked Emergency Responders and Public Works crews for the extra time and work they have done with the weather conditions.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk