

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 16, 2014. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Joe Martin, and John Stauter. Absent: Aldermen Barry Cox, Chris Schuchard, and Lou Sotelo.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, City Management Intern Kevin Smith, Code Enforcement Officer Amanda Schmidt, Director of Financial Services Cindy Von Holten, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rod Kleckler, owns property at 1911 Shinkle Avenue. Kleckler stated he had talked with Public Works about curb and gutter to north of his property. Public Works informed Kleckler that he should bring his concerns to the Council.

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

- A) City Council Minutes of June 2, 2014
Special Adjourned City Council Minutes of June 5, 2014
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$1,111,693.70
- C) Award bid for 2013 Chevy Tahoe as a replacement for totaled Police Department Squad to Pete Harkness Auto Group in the amount of \$29,535.60
- D) Award bid for 2015 Ford Taurus for the Police Department to Reynolds Motor Company in the amount of \$12,261.80, after trade-in
- E) **Resolution No. R2014-06-07 to close streets** for Giving Power to Adolescents for Youth Day at Grandon Civic Center on Saturday, June 28, 2014, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
- F) Petition from Andrew Younger to connect a new structure housing a tavern with restaurant and convenience store located at 13030 Galt Road to the city sanitary sewer system
- G) Plan Commission minutes from the April 17, 2014 meeting
- H) Partial Pay Request #1 for Woodburn Avenue Project to Twin City Construction Company in the amount of \$92,348.14
- I) Petition to allow Sterling Optimist Club to hold a bucket brigade on Saturday, July 19 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the intersections of Second Avenue/Second Street, Third Street/Locust, and Avenue B/West Fourth Street
- J) Ordinance No. 2014-06-14 Prevailing Wage Ordinance**

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

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve **Resolution No. R2014-06-08 for the Library .02% Tax Levy**; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to award the bid for the 2014 Streets Project Contract #1 to Civil Constructors in the amount of \$156,590.00; seconded by Alderman Martin. Contract #1 consists of the following streets:

- Avenue K from West Seventh Street to West Ninth Street
- West Seventh Street from Avenue J to Avenue K

Alderman Martin asked what the engineer's estimate was for this project. Manager Shumard stated that the engineer's estimate was \$210,325. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to award the bid for the IGIG Phase 1A Site Grading to O'Brien Civil Works, Inc. in the amount of \$58,500.75; seconded by Alderman Martin. Manager Shumard stated the piles of dirt along the riverfront will start to be leveled. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to waive the fees for Fun Jump at 505 West Lynn Boulevard; seconded by Alderman Martin.

Mardi Ybarra, owner of Fun Jump, believes their establishment should be compared to McDonald's with an indoor playground, not an arcade where coins operate machines. McDonald's pays no fees, so why should they? Ybarra explained that Fun Jump has limited hours and employs 11 people. They have received great feedback.

Larry Ybarra stated that the State of Illinois inspects the units and tags them. Their equipment has been compliant. Other places rent these units out and do not have these fees. Ybarra's want it fair for everyone.

Mayor Lee understands the amusement center license but is unsure of the cost per device.

Chief Potthoff explained that devices are defined by state statute. City code reflects the state statute. McDonald's is a restaurant that offers a playground for their customers.

Mardi Ybarra asked why the fees are applied and why the City needs to control these devices.

Alderman Stauter asked if this is a one-time waiver of fees or an annual waiver because the fees are yearly.

Mayor Lee suggested that the matter be tabled for more information.

Alderman Stauter made a motion to table the petition from Fun Jump at 505 West Lynn Boulevard to waive fees to the July 7, 2014 meeting; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Shumard reported that Tuesday a pre-construction meeting will be held for the Hey's Lift Station project. Thursday, June 29, the Plan Commission will review Article 3 of the Zoning Code and welcome public input at 6:00 pm. Saturday, June 21, Sterling Main Street is sponsoring Dog Days at the Grandon Civic Center. Sunday, June 22, Sterling Main Street is hosting a car show in the First Avenue parking lot. On July 2 or 9, the ceremonial first load of dirt at the riverfront will be delivered from the Mud to Parks program.

Manager Shumard explained electrical companies have registered with the Police Department for door-to-door solicitations. We cannot stop them from going to homes but citizens can post signs of "no soliciting" or tell them "no". Shumard cautioned that these rates are likely to be lower to entice customers but prices will probably increase throughout the contract.

Manager Shumard stated the Fire Department has ratified their contract and suggested the Council schedule a special meeting to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Contract.

Alderman Elston is happy that municipal concerts have started for the season. She thanked the Fire Department for displaying the fire truck at the movies for the kids to see.

Mayor Lee thanked Alderman Martin for handling the special meeting and the Council for meeting to show the community that the City does have a pro-business attitude.

Mayor Lee clarified that the City did not have anything to do with the hog situation because it was outside the City limits. The City passed the complaints forward to the appropriate authorities.

Mayor Lee stated that Susan Hand, Assistant to the City Manager, is retiring after 20 years of service. She has been a valuable asset to the City.

Mayor Lee stated that a potential meeting date to approve the fire contract would be Monday, June 23, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.