

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 1, 2013. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Christopher Schuchard, and John Stauter. Absent: Alderman Lou Sotelo.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Assistant to the City Manager Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Building and Zoning Superintendent Amanda Schmidt, Fire Administrative Captain Mike Dettman, Acting Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Lt. Tim Morgan, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Michael Hubbard from Rock Falls has been working with Brian Tribley. They hope to host a Take Back the City Revivalist Event. They hope to do this at Wallace Park or Scheid Park in Sterling during the third or fourth week of August. He was advised to speak with the City Clerk on how to prepare a petition for the Council.

Joshua Carter from Rock Falls inquired about permission to shoot off fireworks at their kick-off party for a new restaurant in Rock Falls, Rawshu'a. Manager Shumard explained the request was denied for several reasons: the City was not given 15-day notice, location of where the fireworks would be set off was not clear, and no insurance policy had been presented. Chief Cook noted the City Code prohibits private fireworks displays. Mayor Lee stated that prohibition of private fireworks displays are prohibited by the code and the request was not timely. Clerk Rombouts supplied Carter with a copy of the letter sent to the organizer, denying the request.

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

- A) Minutes from June 17, 2013 meeting
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$702,476.23
- C) Demolition bid for 902 Fourth Avenue to CP's Demolition in the amount of \$9,500
- D) Bid for Streetscape Phase 11, Section B, West Third Street from Avenue B to Avenue A to Civil Constructors in the amount of \$185,872.79
- E) Waiving bid process and purchase Police Department dispatch work stations from Xybix Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$43,787.28
- F) Petition for Sterling Optimist Club to hold a bucket brigade fundraiser on Saturday, July 20 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
- G) Petition for City of God to solicit funds on Saturday, August 17 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the intersections of Second Avenue/Second Street, Third Street/Locust, Fourth Street/Locust, and First Avenue/Third Street

- H) Petition for PADS Homeless Shelter volunteers to solicit funds at the intersections of Second Street/Second Avenue, Avenue G/West Third and Fourth Streets, and First Avenue/Fourth Street from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 7
- I) Petition for Knights of Columbus to solicit donations for Tootsie Roll candy on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the intersection of Second Avenue/Second Street
- J) Petition for Marine Corps League to hold a bucket brigade fundraiser on Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the intersection of Second Street/Second Avenue and First Avenue/Third Street

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

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the reappointment of Dr. Joseph H. Gaziano and John Benson to the Hospital Board, with terms to expire June 30, 2018 as recommended by Mayor Lee; seconded by Alderman Stauter. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2013-07-19 Amending Alcoholic Beverages to include theaters**; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2013-07-20 rezoning 2705 Avenue E from R-3 to R-3 Special Use to allow for a Planned Unit Development** to construct an addition at Good Neighbor Care for a Memory Care Unit; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2013-07-21 vacating Reins Street, running 300' westerly of Locust Street**; seconded by Alderman Schuchard. Discussion followed on the proposed vacation. The street vacation was recommended by Plan Commission and City staff without a site plan. If Reins Street is vacated, two or more access drives could be approved by IDOT on Route 40. Manager Shumard recommended that Reins Street not be vacated until a site plan is available. Alderman Cox made a motion to table the vacation of Reins Street; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve the Development Services Agreement with Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation; seconded by Alderman Elston. Manager Shumard noted compensation of \$15,000 to Rock Island Growth. Mayor Lee conveyed this to be a fair amount for the services they have provided. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve **Resolution #R2013-07-17 Supporting the Application of the City of Sterling for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant** providing for bike/pedestrian paths along Second Street, Lynn Boulevard and Route 2; seconded by Alderman Martin. Mayor Lee asked how Route 2 will be crossed. Hadley Skeffington-Vos reported the crossing will be at the 40th Avenue stop light and a pedestrian crossing signal will be added. Skeffington-Vos also reported that IDOT is on board with this grant application; they have submitted a letter of support. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nays – Alderman Cox. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve **Resolution No. R2013-07-18 Authorizing City staff to conduct the sale of 13 East Fourth Street**; seconded by Alderman Schuchard. Alderman Cox asked how much the City would get for this property. Attorney Coplan explained that the property will be appraised and the City can accept an offer for 80% of the value. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Hadley Skeffington-Vos thanked Alderman Elston for helping with the movie screen at the last showing. She also reported that Fourth Fridays and Dog Days were a success.

Mayor Lee asked Manager Shumard for an update on the Coliseum remodeling. Manager Shumard stated that the architects should be visiting July 18 and 19. The remodeling should be 95% complete by then. The first meeting in August should be held in the new Council Chambers.

Alderman Stauter asked about the benches at Grandon. Manager Shumard will check with Public Works on the proposed repairs.

Alderman Elston reminded everyone of the Patriotic concert on Wednesday evening.

Mayor Lee reminded everyone of our Country's birthday this week and thanked the City Council and staff for all they do.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk