

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 7, 2014. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Chris Schuchard, Lou Sotelo, and John Stauter. Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Management Intern Kevin Smith, Code Enforcement Officer Amanda Schmidt, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

- A) City Council Minutes of June 16, 2014  
Special City Council Minutes of June 23, 2014
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$966,855.74
- C) Partial payment request from Cardno JFNew for IGIG project in the amount of \$47,373.87
- D) Bid award for two 2014 Ford AWD Utility Police Interceptors in the amount of \$43,296.00 to Landmark Ford in Springfield, Illinois
- E) Partial Pay Request #1 for the Fifth Avenue Reconstruction Project to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$92,606.10
- F) Partial Pay Request #5 for the 2013 Streets Project Contract #2 to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$7,352.29
- G) Partial Pay Request #2 for Woodburn Avenue to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$12,593.98
- H) Bid Award for Fire Department to purchase 36 Portable Radios in the amount of \$20,274.00 to Communications Direct

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

Alderman Stauter made a motion to approve the board reappointments that were included in the packet, not the revised listing. Mayor Lee called the motion out of order. Mayor Lee stated the original agenda summary should have been removed because they were not his recommendations. Alderman Stauter believes it is rude and unprofessional that these people have been contacted and then they are not reappointed. Mayor Lee stated there is no dispersion to the character of these people but he wants to put more thought into the reappointments. Attorney Coplan explained because the second list has the Mayor's recommendation, the motion by Alderman Stauter was out of order.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve Mayor Lee's recommendations to reappoint the following citizens to their respective boards:

- Hospital Board Nancy Rasmussen expiring 6/30/2019
- Hospital Board Dr. Jeff LeMay expiring 6/30/2019
- Plan Commission Karen Chevalier expiring 6/30/2017
- Building Code Board of Appeals Dennis Aldrich expiring 6/30/2019
- Police Pension Board Colin Reynolds expiring 6/30/2016
- Property Maintenance Appeals Kurt Glazier expiring 6/30/2016
- Property Maintenance Appeals Eddy Nicklaus expiring 6/30/2016

Alderman Sotelo seconded the motion. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Sotelo, and Mayor Lee. Nays – Alderman Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Motion carried.

Alderman Stauter made a motion to the raise the petition from Fun Jump from the table; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to deny the petition from Fun Jump to waive their fees under the Amusements and Entertainments Code Section 10-26; seconded by Alderman Schuchard.

Chief Potthoff explained the ordinance was passed last year after the definition of an amusement device was rewritten to reflect the Department of Labor's definitions. The ordinance also defined an operator as one who sets up for another entity. These changes clarified that jump houses are amusement devices and excludes Fun Jump from obtaining an operator's license in the amount of \$1600 annually because they only set up for their own use.

Alderman Cox stated this Fun Jump is a fun center for children to host parties and is not the same as coin-operated machines. Cox stated that less government is better government.

Chief Potthoff reminded the Council that when you waive a fee, you are open to more requests to waive fees. Fun Jump and McDonald's are not the same. McDonald's has an indoor playground that is exempt from the Department of Labor.

Alderman Stauter stated this is an annual fee and wanted to know if we are waiving the fees permanently or on an annual basis?

Alderman Sotelo stated we can look at it annually and make decisions by each request.

Mayor Lee suggested that if fees are waived that we review the ordinance before next year.

Mardi Ybarra feels this is a redundant fee because they pay the State \$60 per machine.

Voting to deny petition to have fees waived: Ayes – Aldermen Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter, and Mayor Lee. Nays – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Sotelo. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee asked Attorney Coplan if any further action can be taken. Attorney Coplan explained that any other action was not on the agenda and, therefore, cannot be taken. Coplan suggested that the Council refer the petition back to city staff for additional analysis.

Alderman Stauter made a motion to refer the petition from Fun Jump to waive fees back to City staff for additional analysis; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, and Stauter. Nays – Alderman Sotelo. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease agreement by Dennis Strader, d/b/a Champs for the use of Light Street; seconded by Alderman Martin. Mayor Lee noted the rental fee is \$200, instead of \$100, as stated on Page 3, because it conforms with the City's code pertaining to outdoor seating. Paragraph 2 on Page 2 outlines the hours. Mayor Lee questioned the hours of 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Wednesday and Thursday. Alderman Cox expressed concern for business deliveries during the day. Council members agreed that closures on Wednesday and Thursday should be 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Mayor Lee asked about the first paragraph which stated in consideration of \$1.00. Attorney Coplan explained that this statement is boilerplate language for agreements. Voting to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with \$200 for rent and Wednesday and Thursday hours from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox reported a resident had contacted him about his street needing repairs in the 700 block of Eighth Avenue. He has lived there for 30 years and nothing has ever been done to this street. Alderman Cox recommended that he contact the Mayor. The resident was concerned that Fifth Avenue was being rebuilt before Eight Avenue.

Alderman Elston stated the municipal band concerts have been wonderful and "Frozen" is the movie on Thursday.

Alderman Stauter stated he was impressed with the crowd at the Patriotic Concert, despite the rain.

Mayor Lee was happy with the large crowd at the concert, also. He thanked the JC's for the great fireworks show and their ability to raise funds for that show. Mayor Lee thanked City staff for absorbing the work after Susan's retirement. He also thanked

Alderman Martin in advance for presiding over the next Council meeting during his absence.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk