

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 5, 2013. 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, Assistant to the City Manager Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Building and Zoning Superintendent Amanda Schmidt, Waste Water Superintendent Scott Howard, Fire Administrative Captain Mike Dettman, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mary Carlson, 2004 15th Avenue, asked where her Alderman is. Alderman Cox replied he is there sometimes. Carlson stated she didn't believe that he lived there any longer because there has been a dumpster in the driveway for six months. Alderman Cox stated that he has been cleaning up from water damage.

LaVonne Finkle, 609 Avenue C, stated that she had sent a letter to the Council with a diagram of how utility wires run over her parents' property. Finkle believes the City should see futuristic problems and avoid problems like illegal wires. Finkle has filed a legal complaint with the Police Department. Finkle explained that the Mayor doesn't like west end being bad mouthed but there have been thefts in the area. Finkle stated that it is hard to accept the lack of communication from two individuals in the Sterling Police Department. Although City Hall is being remodeled she felt that was not reason enough that the Police Department did not return her calls.

Chief Potthoff was unsure what Finkle was talking about. Finkle explained she had left a written message on July 8 and then a voice mail and neither of the police officers had contacted her. Chief Potthoff suggested that she remain after the meeting and he would speak with her and make an appointment.

Alderman Martin removed Item E from the Consent Agenda for further clarification and approved the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- A) Minutes from July 15, 2013 meeting
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$1,827,874.76
- C) **Resolution #R2013-08-19 to close Fourth Street for a movie at the Grandon Civic Center** in conjunction with National Night Out
- D) **Resolution #R2013-08-20 to close Fourth Street for a Community Celebration** sponsored by the Taste of Fiesta Committee

- F) Petition from Christ Lutheran School to hold their annual 5K Run on August 12, 2013
- G) Change Order #6 for City Hall remodeling project in the amount of \$78,615.60
- H) Partial Pay Request #2 to Martin & Company Excavating for 2013 Streets Project Contract #1 in the amount of \$68,206.59

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

Chief Potthoff outlined the eastbound and westbound detour routes for the Road Races and Fiesta Parade on Saturday, September 14, 2013. Detour routes differed slightly from the resolution. Alderman Martin made a motion to approve **Resolution #R2013-08-21** with the amended detour routes described by Chief Potthoff for the Road Races and Fiesta Parade on Saturday, September 14, 2013; seconded by Alderman Schuchard. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

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

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Eric Larson	Plan Commission	6/30/2016
Steve Munson	Plan Commission	6/30/2016
Linda Dir	Zoning Board of Appeals	6/30/2018
Dennis Aldrich	Zoning Board of Appeals	6/30/2017
Greg Hall	Zoning Board of Appeals	6/30/2017
Carol Eberly	Zoning Board of Appeals	6/30/2018
Kevin McGinn	Electrical Commission	6/30/2016
Ross Sword	Mechanical Board	6/30/2018
David Jones	Property Maintenance	6/30/2015
Marv Lofgren	Property Maintenance	6/30/2015
Marv Lofgren	Building Code Board	6/30/2018

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

The City of Sterling has been awarded the designation of Tree City USA for 2012. Hadley Skeffington-Vos asked Alan Skoog, Doug Jacobs, and Pete Dillon, members of the Tree Board, to come forward to receive the plaque and recognition for their work with this board.

Matt Hansen, Willett Hofmann and Associates, presented information on the sanitary sewer near East 19th Street and Freeport Road. The sewer was built in 1959. It is time to rebuild this sewer line to increase capacity and eliminate tree roots to prevent infiltration. Hansen outlined four options for repairs along with cost estimates.

Option #1 Install two pumps onto existing Hey's lift station and construct a new 14" diameter force main. There would be no deep excavation. Cost estimate is \$590,000.

#1A Same as Option #1, except Windsor lift station force main will be disconnected from the Hey's lift station and connected to the 14" force main, eliminating re-pumping. There would be no deep excavation, reduced electrical costs, and can be constructed in phases. Cost estimate is \$590,000.

#2 Replace Hey's lift station and connect to 14" force main. No phases in construction. Cost estimate is \$793,000.

#2A Same as #2, except Windsor Park force main will be disconnected from the Hey's lift station and connected to the 14" force main. This will eliminate re-pumping at Windsor and can be built in phases. Cost estimate is \$798,000.

Superintendent Howard stated that this sewer project is overdue. Howard believes that Phase 2, replacing the station is unnecessary and recommends Option 1A to phase the project in. The 14" force main is necessary, as well as getting Windsor Park lift station off the Hey's lift station.

Alderman Cox asked how this would be financed. Manager Shumard stated that funds were available from the future Waste Water Treatment plant or emergency sewer funds.

Alderman Sotelo asked if new lift stations are needed. Superintendent Howard stated these are the two with problems; the rest of the lift stations are fine.

Superintendent Howard explained that \$68,000 was budgeted to remove solid waste at the Windsor Park Lift Station. If this project is completed, the removal of solid waste would not be necessary so these funds could be applied to the project. Howard recommended Option #1A. Mayor Lee agrees to get the job done right the first time.

Mayor Lee recognized Manager Shumard as a member of the Temp Velo Cycling Club for their donation of ten "Share the Road" signs. Temp Velo donated the signs to make motorists more aware of cyclists on the roadways.

Alderman Stauter made a motion to raise **Ordinance No. 2013-07-21 to vacate Reins Street** from the table to vacate public right-of-way and schedule an ordinance hearing for September 3, 2013; seconded by Alderman Martin. Attorney Coplan explained the ordinance hearing would be for the vacation of Reins Street. Discussion followed pertaining to a site plan, one common entrance on Reins Street, and the vacation of Reins Street which would allow IDOT to permit separate entrances for businesses north and south of the proposed Reins Street. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to pass **Ordinance No. 2013-08-23 to Amend the Enterprise Zone** to include more property along Route 78 for additional right-of-way for the convenience store/gas station; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Hadley Skeffington-Vos announced there will be two movies this week. *Blind Side* will be on Tuesday evening with National Night Out events and *Hotel Transylvania* will play on Thursday evening. She also encouraged residents to call for information on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) when in doubt.

Alderman Elston reminded everyone of the municipal band concert on Wednesday evening.

Mayor Lee thanked volunteers who were reappointed to various boards and commissions for the City. Mayor Lee reminded citizens of National Night Out events at local parks and encouraged everyone to get to know their neighbors.

Alderman Martin made a motion to move to “closed session” at 7:42 pm to discuss purchase or leasing of real property as covered under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5); seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to reconvene the open meeting at 8:25 pm; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk