

Mayor Charles L. "Skip" Lee called a virtual meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Josh Johnson, Joe Martin, Christine Wilen, and Jim Wise. Absent: Alderman John Stauter.

Also attending were City Attorney Tim Zollinger, City Manager Scott Shumard, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Police Chief Tim Morgan, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no communications from Visitors.

Mayor Lee stated 30 people submitted applications for the City Clerk position. 10 to 11 applicants were called for an interview. The final four were interviewed and Teri Sathoff was selected for the position. Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the appointment of Teri Sathoff effective June 17 upon the departure of Clerk Rombouts; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Martin, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried. Sathoff may be designated as Deputy Clerk by Clerk Rombouts until her departure.

Discussion began about the temporary ordinance addressing outdoor restaurant and bar service in implementation of the Governor's order. Attorney Zollinger suggested an addition to allow pre-mixed cocktails in sealed containers for carry-out or delivery, but not by third-party deliveries.

Alderman Stauter joined the meeting at 2:41 pm.

Points reviewed were plastic glassware on public property, what portion of a parking lot can be used for seating, hours of operation may differ per applicant, expiration date of temporary suspension, application, site plan, and public safety. Suggested language was for the Liquor Commissioner, upon consultation with the City Manager, may impose specific hours. Janna Groharing with Sterling Main Street and Kris Noble with the Sauk Valley Area Chamber believe the needs of the establishments will be met with these suggestions.

Alderman Wise made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2020-05-18 Temporarily Suspending Limitation on Outdoor Restaurant Seating and Alcohol Sales**

and Authorizing the Liquor Commissioner to Issue Permits Relating to the Same, with the following concerns addressed:

- Add cocktails to go are allowed
- Plastic or aluminum only on public property
- Application and site plan submitted
- Add public safety concerns in regards to site plan
- Add Liquor Commissioner, upon consultation with the City Manager, may impose such time restrictions as may be necessary and appropriate, given the location of each establishment, to maintain the public peace
- Temporary suspension/ordinance expires November 1, 2020

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

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement with Wendler Engineering for Improvements to Brinks Circle and Park Avenue from Fourth to Fifth Street; seconded by Alderman Wilen. Manager Shumard reported that Willett, Hofmann was overbooked right now. Wendler had done engineering for Water Company in this area and had a quick design available. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Martin, Stauter, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Everyone thanked Manager Shumard and Attorney Zollinger for their quick response to help the small businesses reopen.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk