

Mayor Charles L. "Skip" Lee called a virtual meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 4, 2020. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Josh Johnson, Joe Martin, John Stauter, Christine Wilen, and Jim Wise. Absent: None.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

An email was received from Tom Brackemeyer and forwarded to Mayor Lee and the Council regarding street projects. Answers to his questions were sent to Brackemeyer.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- A) Minutes of April 20, 2020
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$412,335.86
- C) Change Order #4 for Northland Mall Detention Pond for Martin & Company in the amount of \$21,500 to install drain tile for ground water issue
- D) Refer to the Plan Commission the petition from Roger Colmark (property owner) and Tim McLindsay (Business Owner) to rezone 609 West Third Street for a Special Use Permit to allow a tattoo shop
- E) Pay Request #5 for Northland Mall Detention Pond to Martin & Company Excavating in the amount of \$712,010.76
- F) Pay Request #2 for Reconstructing Johnson Avenue from 14th Street to LeFevre Road to Twin City Construction Company in the amount of \$100,275.26
- G) Pay Request #4 for Dillon Avenue Reconstruction Phase II to Civil Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$176,966.79
- H) Pay Request #9 for Sterling Public Market to Porter Brothers in the amount of \$42,936.67

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

Alderman Wise made a motion to approve Mayor Lee's recommendation to appoint Christina Rodriguez to the Fire Pension Board; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Martin, Stauter, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring May 15 as Police Memorial Day and May 10 – 16, 2020, as Police Officers Week; seconded by Alderman Wise. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Martin, Stauter, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried. Mayor Lee read the proclamation into the record.

Alderman Wise made a motion to approve the Proclamation Recognizing May 17 – 23, 2020 as National Public Works Week; seconded by Alderman Wilen. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Martin, Stauter, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried. Mayor Lee read the proclamation into the record.

Alderman Elston made a motion to pass **Ordinance #2020-05-16 Annexing Certain Territory Contiguous to the City of Sterling (Steelton Subdivision – Group 5)**; seconded by Alderman Stauter. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Martin, Stauter, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried. Superintendent Schmidt reported this will be the last annexation that can be counted for the 2020 Census.

Alderman Wise made a motion to pass **Resolution #R2020-05-13 to Refer Consideration to Annex Certain Territory Contiguous to the City of Sterling (Steelton Subdivision – Group 6)**; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Johnson, Martin, Stauter, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried. Mayor Lee asked how many more groupings are expected. Attorney Zollinger reported five or six more groupings, plus an individual seeking annexation to hook onto sewer.

Manager Shumard reported the Fire Union negotiations will continue tomorrow. First Avenue reconstruction will take place this year. An agreement has been signed with the homeowners on Avenue G and work should begin any day.

Alderman Wilen reported she has been enjoying walks around Platt Park and the riverfront. Both are great assets to the City.

Alderman Elston likes the fence improvements at Wallace and Platt Parks. Elston noticed new trees at Platt Park. Manager Shumard noted seven trees were intended to for the Farmers Market, but room did not permit, so they were planted at Platt Park. Elston asked if the mural across from the Manahan Home will be cleaned.

Alderman Stauter reported the second round of small business loans has gone out.

Mayor Lee noted 911 consolidation talks will continue. Yard Waste is being collected again.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk