

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 20, 2011. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Linda Marley, Joe Martin, and Lou Sotelo. Absent: Alderman Barry Cox.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Management Intern Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Interim Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Lt. Doug Fargher, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

LaVonne Finkle, 609 Avenue C, stated that she had talked with Allied Waste and the City's Public Works Department. Her problem occurs every Monday when the garbage truck jumps the curb and runs onto her property. The tire tracks are visible. Recently, the truck almost hit the post the surveyors put in. Allied Waste told her the City did not want to step on toes so they would not do all street pick up.

Mayor Lee acknowledged her concern and shares the same problem. The City is still looking into street collection but many homes do not have access to the front of their homes.

Manager Shumard advised that the truck is on City right-of-way and the alley may have to be widened.

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

- 1) City Council Minutes of June 6, 2011
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$577,495.31
- 3) Petition to allow the Sterling-Rock Falls Jaycees to hold a bucket brigade fundraiser on Saturday, June 25, 2011, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the intersections of Second Street/Second Avenue, Third Street/First Avenue, and Fifth Street/Locust
- 4) Petition to allow Sauk Valley Marine Corps League Toys for Tots to hold a bucket brigade fundraiser on Saturday, July 30 at the intersections of Third Street/First Avenue and Second Street/Second Avenue

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve the appointment of Amy Viering to the position of Alderman-at-Large as recommended by Mayor Lee to fill the vacancy until April 30, 2013; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the appointment of Bob Conklin to the Plan Commission as recommended by Mayor Lee to fill a vacancy until June 30, 2012; seconded by Alderman Martin. Mayor Lee reminded the public that there are still openings on the Plan Commission and Band Commission. Voting: Ayes – All. Nayses – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee recognized David Lowe of the Lincoln-Manahan Restoration Committee. David Lowe, immediate past President of the Sterling Rock Falls Historical Society, spoke on behalf of the Lincoln-Manahan Restoration Committee. Five years ago on July 18, the Lincoln Statue was dedicated in Propheter Park. The State of Illinois celebrated the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth and encouraged communities to help celebrate Lincoln. That's when the Manahan Home was purchased. The house will be dedicated on the anniversary of the night he spent in Sterling. Private money has been raised to restore the home. It is substantially completed. The dedication will be held on Monday, July 18 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Lowe is aware of the Council meeting that evening and extended an invitation to the Mayor and Council to join the Restoration Committee for the Dedication and Grand Opening on the Manahan Home. Mayor Lee recognized the Committee for their work on the home and agreed to be at the Grand Opening.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve **Resolution R2011-06-11 Providing for the Levy of an Additional Tax of .02% for the Value of all of the Taxable Property in the City of Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois for the Maintenance, Repairs and Alterations of Library Buildings and Equipment in the City of Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois**; seconded by Alderman Marley. Voting: Ayes – All. Nayses – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2011-06-13 Amending the City Code as it relates to holiday compensation of 5½% for Police Telecommunications Operators**; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nayses – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Marley made a motion to pass **Ordinance #2011-06-14, Ascertainning the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed on Public Works in the City**; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nayses – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to approve the loan financing of the 2012 International 7400 SFA 4x2 diesel Cab and Chassis dump truck with Midland State Bank for two years at a rate of 2.69%; seconded by Alderman Martin. Manager Shumard noted that the last loan we secured had an interest rate of 4.39%. Voting: Ayes – All. Nayses – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve Partial Pay Request #1 on the West Third Street Reconstruction Project from Avenue C to Avenue G to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$76,419.77; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Interim Fire Chief Cook announced that the Fire Department is saddened by the death of Captain Everett Metzler. He was a 27 year member of the Sterling Fire Department and a 17 year employee of the State Fire Marshall's office. The fire department will be participating in the funeral services.

Manager Shumard reported that a Public Works truck was in an accident at Lynn Boulevard and West LeFevre Road. Lt. Fargher explained that the County is investigating the accident. Manager Shumard stated the damage to the truck is estimated at \$9000.

Mayor Lee thanked Alderman Martin for standing in as Mayor during his absence. Mayor Lee reported a successful event by the YWCA for their Juneteenth celebration. Mayor Lee also recognized that Father's Day was celebrated over the weekend and wanted to honor mentors, as well as fathers.

Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn to a closed session at 7:01 pm to discuss pending litigation as provided for under 5ILCS 120/2; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to reconvene the open meeting at 7:13 pm; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee asked about the east wall of the Bogott's building on Second Street. Manager Shumard informed the Council that the owners had authorized the tenants to begin scrapping the building.

Clerk Rombouts reminded the Council of the Riverfront Development meeting on Thursday, at 6:00 pm, at Woodlawn Arts Academy.

Mayor Lee reminded the Liquor/Tobacco Commission of the hearing on Wednesday at 10:00 am.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Marie Rombouts, City Clerk