

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

Clerk Rombouts administered the Oath of Office to Amy Viering to complete the term of Alderman-at-Large vacated by Mayor Lee.

Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Linda Marley, Joe Martin, and Amy Viering. Absent: Alderman Lou Sotelo.

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 Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Lee asked for a moment of silence for Ellen Howard, father of Scott Howard, Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment and Oliver Taylor, a local veteran of World War II.

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

- A) 1) Study Session Minutes of June 13, 2011
- 2) City Council Minutes of June 20, 2011
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$505,793.07
- C) Refer to Plan Commission a Petition from Ruby Jean Vock (Owner) and Mahboob and Alena Khan (Contract Purchasers) requesting a Special Use Permit at 409 Avenue L

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

Alderman Viering made a motion to approve the appointment of Rene Morris to the Plan Commission for a three year term as recommended by Mayor Lee; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee recognized Police Officer Sarah Schmidt for her promotion to Sergeant and presented the certificate of promotion. Schmidt has served 13 years with the Sterling Police Department and has been a D.A.R.E. officer since 2006. She has also helped coordinate the department's traffic safety efforts.

Mayor Lee introduced Management Intern Hadley Skeffington-Vos for a presentation on the outdoor summer movie program. The movies would be free to the public and

concessions could be provided by non-profit organizations. Several communities show free movies. Rental of movies could run between \$100 and \$300, which covers copyrights. Movies could be held once or twice a month from June through September on a Thursday evening at the Grandon Civic Center. Investments would include a movie screen, projector, at least two speakers, blue-ray DVD player, sound mixer board and cables. These items could cost between \$3,800 and \$14,300. City staff and volunteers could get this started and it could be maintained by Sterling Main Street. Funds could be raised through sponsorship opportunities, non-profit groups selling concessions, raffles, and donations. Alderman Viering asked what City staff person would be responsible. Manager Shumard explained that once the City recouped their expenses, they would like Main Street to run the program. He stated this is presented for information only and not ready for action. Hadley Skeffington-Vos reported that Yorkville, a community with a similar population to Sterling, has 150 to 200 people attend their movies.

Alderman Martin made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement for Animal Control Services with Whiteside County for \$14,420; seconded by Alderman Cox. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to pass **Resolution No. R2011-07-12 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Sidewalk and Path Improvements along Illinois Route 40 from 300' north of LeFevre to Lynn Boulevard**; seconded by Alderman Elston. Manager Shumard explained the multi-use path would be placed along the east side of Route 40 from approximately Miller Road to Lynn Boulevard, a sidewalk would be installed along the west side, and a traffic light would be installed at Miller Road. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Marley reported that Pastor Schlomer from Amazing Grace Church extended his appreciation to the City for their participation in the church's July 4th celebration.

Mayor Lee thanked the Jaycee's for their fireworks display. He also informed the Council of a general study session on Council proceedings and to get the Council more involved. Mayor Lee stated that he was honored to represent the City in the send off for the 1644th National Guard Transportation Unit.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk