

Mayor Diana Merdian called the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2023. Roll call. Present: Alderperson Retha Elston, Joe Strabala-Bright, Joseph Martin, Kaitlyn Ekquist, and Jim Wise. Absent: Alderperson Josh Johnson

Also attending were City Attorney Matt Cole, City Manager Scott Shumard, Deputy Police Chief E. Pat Bartel, Deputy Fire Chief David Northcutt, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader, Superintendent of Waste Water Cory Bradshaw and City Clerk Teri Sathoff.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Approval of Bills and Payroll

Seconded by Strabala-Bright. Voting: Ayes – Alderperson Elston, Strabala-Bright, Ekquist, Martin, and Wise. Nays – None.

Superintendent of Waste Water Cory Bradshaw reported they are still waiting on parts for the screw pumps.

Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader reported they hired three new employees one started the 2<sup>nd</sup>, one will be starting the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the third one will be starting the week of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Schrader stated they are currently fully staffed. Crews have started removing the Christmas decorations.

City Clerk Teri Sathoff reported the utility bill gifting program has collected \$1758.59. Sathoff stated a few of the employees and alderman are among the donors. She stated this helped several customers.

Alderperson Martin reported that Gary Spencer did not get appointed to judge. If you will recall Mr. Rizzo attended a previous Council meeting and was adamant Spencer not get appointed.

Alderperson Elston stated the hospital has been very busy with respiratory patients. She urged everyone to stay home if they are not feeling well.

At 6:35 p.m. Alderperson Strabala-Bright made a motion to Move to an executive session to discuss the acquisition of property as well as reviewing the closed session minutes; Seconded by Alderperson Wise. Voting: Ayes – Alderperson Elston, Ekquist, Strabala-Bright, Martin, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

At 7:54 p.m. Alderperson Martin made a motion to Move to an open session; Seconded by Alderperson Elston. Voting: Ayes – Alderperson Elston, Ekquist, Strabala-Bright, Martin, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderperson Martin made a motion to keep the executive session minutes closed; Seconded by Alderperson Elston. Voting: Ayes – Alderperson Elston, Ekquist, Strabala-Bright, Martin, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Teri Sathoff

City Clerk