

Mayor Lee called the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday January 3, 2022. Roll call. Present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Retha Elston, Josh Johnson, Joe Martin, Christine Wilen (Zoom), Kaitlyn Ekquist 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 (Zoom), Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader, Police Chief Alex Chavira, Fire Chief Michael Dettman and City Clerk Teri Sathoff.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Allen Lee advised the Council that the annual Winter Pops Concert will be put on by the Municipal band at 7:00 pm on January 7th at New Life Lutheran Church.

Dick Card, 2007 16th Avenue Sterling, complimented Public works on the snow removal from the recent snow storm. Card stated he is upset with the amount of illegally parked vehicles in the street and yards. Card stated that cars are blocking driveways and recreation vehicles are not being moved. Police Chief, Alex Chavira advised Card to call when the incidents happen and an officer will come out and handle the situation.

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

- A. Approval of Minutes.
- B. Approval of Bills and Payroll.
- C. Pay Request #4 (final) to Martin and Company in the amount of \$82,159.80 for the 2020 Street Program.

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

At 6:38 pm Mayor Lee opened the Public Hearing, Mayor Lee stated this is a public hearing being held pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "Act"). Notice of this hearing was published on December 21, 2021, in The Daily Gazette newspaper, being a newspaper of general circulation in the City. This is a hearing regarding a plan to issue (A) not to exceed \$27,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of the City's Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022A (the "Series 2022A Bonds") and (B) not to exceed \$8,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the City's General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022B (the "Series 2022B Bonds"). The proceeds of the Series 2022A Bonds will be used to (i) fund a portion of the City's unfunded police and fire pension liability relating to the police and fire employees, (ii) fund a budget

stabilization account, and (iii) pay certain costs of issuance of the Series 2022A Bonds. The proceeds of the Series 2022B Bonds will be used to (i) finance various public infrastructure projects including stormwater and road improvement projects (the "Project"), and (ii) pay certain costs of issuance of the Series 2022B Bonds. The Series 2022A Bonds will be issued by the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and shall constitute a general obligation of the City, payable from (i) all collections of the City derived from its levy for police and fire pension purposes and (ii) all collections distributed to the City from Retailer's Occupation Taxes, Service Occupation Taxes, Use Taxes and Service Use Taxes, and (iii) ad valorem taxes of the City for which its full faith and credit have been irrevocably pledged, unlimited as to rate or amount. The Series 2022B Bonds will be issued by the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and shall constitute a general obligation of the City, payable from (i) all collections distributed to the City from Non Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation and Non Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Taxes, increased to not exceed 1% as approved by the voters in the City at the consolidated election held on April 4, 2017, and (ii) all collections distributed to the City from Retailer's Occupation Taxes, Service Occupation Taxes, Use Taxes and Service Use Taxes, and (iii) ad valorem taxes of the City for which its full faith and credit have been irrevocably pledged, unlimited as to rate or amount. This public hearing is required by Sections 10 and 20 of the Act. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of financing, the issuance of the Series 2022A Bonds and Series 2022B Bonds and the purpose of the issuance of the Series 2022A Bonds and Series 2022B Bonds.

There were no written comments nor was anyone in attendance to make a comment Mayor Lee closed the public hearing at 6:43 pm.

Alderman Ekquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-01-01 Amending Chapter 10, Article II, Division 4 by the Modification of the Annual Fee for Video Gaming Terminal; seconded by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Wise asked how many gaming machines the City has currently, City Clerk Sathoff stated that there are 139 gaming machines. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader stated the sidewalk on the Avenue G bridge has been closed. A guardrail was damaged as a result of a motor vehicle accident and he stated that it was not safe for pedestrians. The guardrail will be replaced.

Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda reminded citizens that Christmas tree pick up will be the first two full weeks in January. January 3, 2022 through January 14, 2022.

City Manager Shumard stated that the City received five proposals for the Sterling sign that will be located at Avenue G and West 3rd Street. Shumard stated that he requested proposals from several sign companies including the local companies.

Alderman Ekquist stated she preferred the conceptual drawing to any of the submissions, she asked if the companies could resubmit with a design closer to the conceptual sign that Meade and Hunt designed. She was concerned about the use of materials and preferred the back lighting. Alderman Johnson agreed with Alderman Ekquist.

Alderman Wise preferred the fourth proposal, he stated that it was a modern and shows where Sterling is headed.

Alderman Martin was concerned that the fourth proposal would look out of place when put at other locations, such as east and west of the City.

City Manager Shumard will take all suggestions back to companies to ask for revisions to be made based on the suggestions.

Alderman Elston thanked Public Works for the snow removal, she stated that it was apparent that more citations have been issued for the odd/even parking violations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Teri Sathoff

City Clerk