

Mayor Lee called the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday April 18, 2022. Roll call. Present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Retha Elston, Josh Johnson, Joe Martin, Christine Wilen, 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, Assistant Superintendent of Wastewater Cory Bradshaw and City Clerk Teri Sathoff.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

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. Approval of Plan Commission Minutes
- D. Ordinance No. 2022-04-13 amending the budget for Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2021
- E. Resolution 2022-04-07 Accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority Strong Communities Program
- F. Pay Request #6 to Gehrke Construction Inc., in the amount of \$48,228.75 for the National Training Building.
- G. Proclamation for Arbor Day
- H. Refer to the Planning Commission - Kurt & Brian Properties
- I. Refer to the Planning Commission - First Midwest Group

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

Mayor Lee presented the Council with the Tree City and Growth Award Recognition plaque.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-04-14 Adopting Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget; Seconded by Alderman Ekquist. Mayor Lee and the Council thanked City staff for the work that was put into the budget. Alderman Wise requested clarification on the projects that indicate they are to be completed in 2023, he asked if this meant the projects would be completed in the summer of 2023 or if they will be completed in the 2023 budget year. City Manager Shumard advised these projects will be started in the 2023 budget year. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nayes – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Wise made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-03-15 Amending Pay Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Mayor Lee stated that the goal setting with the City Manager begin again. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-04-16 Amending Chapter 94, Section 34 regarding wastewater service charges and Section 35 regarding billing and collection of service charges; Seconded by Alderman Wise. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

Alderman Wise made a motion to Approve for write-off the uncollectible accounts totaling \$10,390.02 for fiscal year 2021-2022; Seconded by Alderman Elston. Finance Director Cindy Von Holten reminded the Council that this does not mean the City will stop attempting to collect these debts, they need to be written off for audit purposes. Von Holten stated that Mary Stevens and Michelle Parks have been working extremely hard to collect unpaid balances. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

Alderman Ekquist made a motion to award the contract to demolish 207 6th Avenue to Stichter Construction Co., Inc., Erie, Illinois in the amount of \$12,670.00; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

Alderman Wise made a motion to approve the quote for Public Works flooring system in the main Public Works maintenance building to Midwest Flooring Concept in the amount of \$36,250.00; Seconded by Alderman Ekquist. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

City Manager Shumard introduced Assistant Wastewater Superintendent Cory Bradshaw to the Council.

Alderman Wise reported that Surf Broadband was in the Prophet Park area, residents in that area are excited to see the progress.

At 6:57pm Alderman Elston made a motion to adjourn to executive session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss pending litigation; Seconded by Alderman Wise. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

At 7:47pm Alderman Martin made a motion to return to regular session; Seconded by Alderman Johnson. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Teri Sathoff

City Clerk