

Mayor Lee called the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday May 2, 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. Board of Fire & Police Commission 2021 Annual Report.
- E. Request to waive fees for the Sterling and Rock Falls Rotary clubs to hold their annual fundraiser at Sterling Marketplace.
- F. Letter Carriers Food Drive Proclamation.
- G. Taste of Fiesta to hold a bucket brigade on 5/14/2022.

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

Alderman Wise made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring May 15th as Police Memorial Day and May 15 - 21, 2022 as Police Officers week; Seconded by Alderman Elston. Mayor Lee Read the proclamation and presented it to Chief Chavira. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Ekquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-05-17 Amended and Restated Ordinance Imposing Business District Taxes within the Lincoln Highway Business District; 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 Ordinance 2022-05-18 approving the rezoning of 4204-4312 East Lincolnway to include Planned Development District; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Building and Zoning Superintendent Amanda Schmidt stated the Planned Development District will allow for some give and take from the City as well as the developer, Schmidt stated that this is a positive ordinance for the City.

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

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2022-05-19 Authorizing Entry into Encroachment Use Agreement at 121-123 East 3rd Street; Seconded by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Wise asked Brian Carradus with Kurt and Brian Properties if the Haymarket name will be incorporated in the new business, Mr. Carradus stated that the name will be incorporated in some manner. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Ekquist made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Wendler Engineering to create a Pedestrian Plan; Seconded by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Elston asked if this would include input from citizens, Alderman Elston stated she is concerned about foot traffic getting to the east end of the City especially in the area of Wal-Mart. Alderman Wise inquired if this would include interior neighborhoods as well, City Manager Shumard stated that it would include main routes and citizen input will be obtained to determine the needs. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Wise made a motion to approve the sale of the 1996 Alexis Fire Apparatus to the City of Springfield South Dakota in the amount of \$25,000; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to award the contract to demolish 504 W. 6th Street to Stichter Construction Co, Inc., Erie, Illinois, in the amount of \$14,825.00; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt stated this is a large 2 story residence and that is the reason for the higher bid amount. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

City Clerk Teri Sathoff reminded everyone of the Clean and Green Event on Mat 13th and 14th, more information can be found on the City website. Sathoff advised that staff is currently working on the raffle ordinance and anticipates the revision to be made for the next meeting. Sathoff advised everyone to be mindful of a rental scam that is on Facebook, the "landlord" states they have property available for rent, they request a \$50 rental application fee, once they get your money they will then block you. Sathoff advised the Council that IML Conference will be September 15th – 17th in Chicago, the registrations are due by June 15th.

City Manager Shumard stated the bid for the riverfront lighting and technology came in higher than expected, it was not on the agenda while they explore other ways of cutting

the costs. Shumard stated that the Council Chambers are not expected to be completed for another 6 weeks, the lighting fixtures are on back order.

Alderman Wise advised the Council that he and a citizen went on a drive to discuss several properties that are eyesores. Alderman Wise stated that Code Enforcement is doing an excellent job with the manpower they have.

Alderman Ekquist thanked Janna Groharing for the Car Show, despite the poor weather the turnout was good.

Alderman Wilen thanked the Department of Public Works for inviting her to plant trees in honor of Arbor Day.

Alderman Martin advised the work on Ave E has started and asked that the area of 10th street be avoided due to the extra traffic and parked cars in the area.

Mayor Lee thanked Sterling Main Street for the car show, he commended the Municipal Band for the performance at the Spring Concert and reminded everyone of the Mail Carriers food drive on May 14th.

At 7:18pm Alderman Elston made a motion to adjourn to executive session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; Seconded by Alderman Wilen. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

At 7:26pm Alderman Wilen made a motion to return to regular session; Seconded by Alderman Ekquist. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Teri Sathoff

City Clerk