

Mayor Lee called the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday September 6, 2022. Roll call. Present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Retha Elston, Josh Johnson, Joe Martin, Kaitlyn Ekquist, Christine Wilen (Zoom) 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, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader (Zoom), Police Chief Alex Chavira, Fire Chief Michael Dettman, 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. Proclamation Declaring September 11th through September 17th, 2022 as Chamber of Commerce Week.
- E. Newman Central High School Homecoming Parade on September 30, 2022.
- F. Sterling High School Homecoming Parade on October 7, 2022.
- G. Waive the Building Permit Fee for Sterling Main Street for the Small Business Incubator at 310 2nd Avenue.
- H. Partial Pay Request for Central Memorial Park to Complete Electric in the Amount of \$95,621.40.
- I. Pay Request for Central Memorial Park to Hibbard Builders in the Amount of \$45,349.50.
- J. Pay Request for Central Memorial Park to JMI Masonry in the Amount of \$61,000.00.
- K. Request from Rock River Hospice and Home to waive rental fee(s) at Grandon Civic Center for events associated with Festival of Trees.

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

Mayor Lee Read the Proclamation Declaring September 11th through September 17th, 2022 as Chamber of Commerce Week and presented it to the Executive Director of the Sauk Valley Area Chamber, Kris Noble.

Alderman Johnson made a motion to Approve ARPA Funds for Phase 1 Mural Restoration; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Janna Groharing, Executive Director at Sterling Main Street, advised the Council the Adelante Mural has been completely restored with the exception of the lettering, that will be done in a few weeks. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Ekquist made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2022-09-23 Amending Chapter 6, Article I, To Add a Provision Relating to Outdoor Events; Seconded by Alderman Wise. Mayor Lee stated outdoor events are a great thing for our community, he would like to meet with event planners as well as the police department prior to the events to discuss security concerns. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2022-09-24 Amending Chapter 74, Article I, Section 74-5 to Clarify Responsibility for Returning Trash and Recycle Bins from Lot Line to Premises; Seconded by Alderman Wise. Alderman Martin asked how long after trash has been picked up do the containers have to be moved. Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt advised residents have 24 hours to move them. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

Alderman Ekquist made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2022-09-25 Approving the Petition from Sterling Industrial Development Commission for Approval of Subdivision; Seconded by Alderman Johnson. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Wilen, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

Alderman Elston made a motion to Approve Resolution No. R2022-09-11 Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission; Seconded by Alderman Wise. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Wilen, Martin, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried

Alderman Wise made a motion to Approve the Agreement with Willett Hofmann for Professional Services for the Public Works Building Addition Phase 2; Seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Wilen, Martin, Johnson, Ekquist and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

City Clerk Teri Sathoff advised the Council, election packets are available in the City Clerk's office. They will have to be turned in the week of November 21<sup>st</sup> during regular office hours, the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> are City holidays and offices will be closed those days. The last day packets may be turned in is November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Chavira informed the Council the Police Department will be testing for new hires, there are currently two openings. Chavira also advised the Curls with Cops will be held on September 25, 2022. Alderman Wise asked Chief Chavira when the academy at Sauk Valley Community College and if the intention is to send all new hires there, Chavira said they are anticipating having the academy running in the spring and the intention is to send all new hires there.

Chief Dettman reminded everyone of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 10<sup>th</sup> from noon until 5:00pm. Dettman stated there will be water fights, a safety house and educational material, the department historian will have a presentation as well.

City Manager Shumard stated the Riverfront Commission will be meeting on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Shumard also advised the scans of the Lawrence and National Buildings have started. There was an issue in one portion of National where there was a flea infestation.

Alderman Martin asked Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader the status of Avenue E and West 9<sup>th</sup> and West 10<sup>th</sup>, Schrader advised Martin and Company are waiting for Avenue D to be completed and they will pave both blocks at once.

Alderman Elston reminded everyone of the ribbon cutting at the incubator buildings on Wednesday at 4:00pm. Elston also complimented the lights at Grandon, they really light up the area nice.

Mayor Lee reminded everyone of the Fiesta parade on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Lee also commended the Riverfront Commission for the excellent work that is being done.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Teri Sathoff

City Clerk