

Mayor Lee called the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday October 18, 2021. Roll call. Present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Retha Elston, Josh Johnson, Joe Martin, Kaitlyn Ekquist and Jim Wise. Absent: Christine Wilen.

Also attending were City Attorney Matthew Cole, 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.

There were no communications from visitors.

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 #7 & Final to Martin & Company Excavating in the amount of \$25,558.60 for the Lynn Blvd/LeFevre Rd Roundabout.
- D. Change Order to Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$3,745.

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

Mayor Lee presented the following with Commendations; Captain Jason Williamson, Lt. Garrett Ramos, Firefighter Adrian Avelar, Firefighter Vincent Morris, Firefighter Lucas Pfister, Firefighter Jeffery Kimpel, Paramedic Aaron Wetzell, Paramedic Jason Larson and 911 telecommunicator Kristy Wagenecht. On September 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:05 am, the Sterling and Rock Falls Fire Departments and CGH EMS were notified of a structure fire in the 1400 block of Johnson Avenue. The caller advised there was a trapped male occupant. Upon arrival fire crews found a well involved 2-story house with one person trapped in the rear first floor bedroom. Crews were able to enter the bedroom window and rescue the trapped 71-year old male occupant. The injured occupant was transported to CGH Medical Center before being air lifted to Loyola Hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Kevin Cavanaugh from Lauterbach & Amen presented the actuarial report to the Council. Funding ratios remain in critical territory. The fire pension funding ratio increased 3.96 points to 54.3% and the police pension funding ratio increased .27 points to 56.01%.

The report recommends a minimum contribution to the fire pension fund of \$1,421,342, compared to \$1,391,240 for the prior year, a \$30,102 or 2.2% increase. This amount represents 105.97% of payroll, down from 107.48% of payroll in the prior year.

The actuary recommends a minimum contribution to the police pension fund of \$1,511,171 this year versus \$1,349,242 for the prior year, a \$161,929 or 12.0% increase. The new amount represents 75.10% of projected payroll, down from 75.39% last year.

Chief Chavira thanked everyone that participated in the Cops for Coats program. Chief Chavira reminded everyone of the Trunk or Treat that will take place on October 28<sup>th</sup> in the south parking lot. Chavira also stated that the Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of police officer, applications are due on November 5<sup>th</sup> and testing will be conducted on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Shumard stated that IDOT will have a preconstruction meeting this week on the intersection of Fulfs Road and Route 40. Shumard also stated that the Police union contract is coming together, a meeting is scheduled for Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Shumard stated he was confident there will be a contract to present to the Council next month.

Alderman Elston thanked Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader for assisting with getting Commonwealth Edison to repair the damage to the road near the Dillon Home. Elston thanked Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt for assisting with an on-going issue of trash being picked up at 4:30 in the morning behind Walgreens. Elston stated she received a complaint from a Ward 4 resident in reference to burning of leaves. Elston stated she has advised the residents to contact the Police Department non-emergency phone number. Mayor Lee reminded residents there is to be no burning of yard waste in the City limits.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Teri Sathoff

City Clerk