

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 19, 2014. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Lou Sotelo, John Stauter. Absent: Chris Schuchard.

Also present were City Manager Scott Shumard, Code Enforcement Officer Amanda Schmidt, Director of Financial Services Cindy Von Holten, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, Attorney Ron Coplan, and Assistant City Clerk Monique Castillo.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Lee recognized Mike Mudge of Rock River Energy to speak on the Electrical Aggregation program. Mudge reported the program has saved the residents of Sterling a total of \$1,275,000.00, proving the program a success. Mudge is certain renewing the contract will continue to benefit the residents.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, removing item C for discussion:

- A) City Council Minutes of May 5, 2014
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$1,252,018.30
- D) Acceptance of low bid for demolition of single-story structure with attached garage located at 603 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Jennings Excavating in the amount of \$5,475
- E) City initiated revisions to the Zoning Code in reference to current B-1-1 zoning district; refer to Plan Commission

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Sotelo and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Brief discussion was held regarding Item 5-E. Alderman Elston requested a special meeting of the Council following the special Plan Commission meeting to approve the rewrite of the B-1-1 zoning district to expedite the petitioner's request to operate a bait shop. Alderman Cox stated it is not customary to hold special meetings and if we did it this time we would have to do it all the time.

Item 5-C. Alderman Cox made a motion to approve the final payment to Civil Constructors in the amount of \$50,896.14 for Streetscape Phase 11; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Alderman Cox requested additional information on Willett, Hoffman's reimbursement of \$15,150 for additional costs related to the redesign for ADA compliance, stating the amount does not seem to be a fair expenditure for their error. Manager Shumard explained there were added costs to the redesign which would have been the City's responsibility if originally designed the new way.

Cox made a motion to table this item to the Consent Agenda for the June 2, 2014 Council Meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Voting to approve the payment to Civil Construction: Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – Alderman Cox. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to appoint Fourth Ward Alderman Joe Martin as Vice Chairperson, in the absence of the Mayor, for a period of one year. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Sotelo, Stauter and Cox. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the reappointments of Carol Siefken, June Shearer, and Rhonda Borgmann to the Library Board with terms to expire June 30, 2017, as recommended by Mayor Lee. The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Martin, Sotelo, Stauter, Cox, Elston. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring May 19, 2014 as Poppy Day. The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Sotelo, Stauter, Cox, Elston and Martin. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring June 7 - 8, 2014 as Relay for Life Day of Whiteside County in Sterling. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stauter. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Stauter, Cox, Elston, Martin and Sotelo. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve **Resolution #R2014-05-07 setting the City of Sterling Electrical Aggregation Supply Company**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Alderman Cox objected to the idea of Manager Shumard entering into the Electrical Aggregation contract for the residents of Sterling instead of the Council who is responsible to the people. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Sotelo and Stauter. Nays – Alderman Cox. Motion carried.

At 8:22 p.m. Alderman Sotelo made a motion to move to Closed Session for the purposes of discussing personnel performance and compensation and Collective Bargaining according to 5ILCS120/2(c). The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Sotelo, Stauter and Cox. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

At 8:53 p.m. Alderman Martin made a motion to reconvene the open meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Martin, Sotelo, Stauter, Cox, and Elston. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Brief discussion was held regarding a special meeting after the special Plan Commission meeting to approve or deny the revision to current B-1-1 Zoning Code. No one was in favor of a special meeting.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.