

Mayor Charles L. "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 7, 2019. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Mackenzie Hopping, Joe Martin, John Stauter, Christine Wilen, and Jim Wise. Absent: Alderman Retha Elson.

Also present were City Attorney Tim Zollinger, City Manager Scott Shumard, Financial Director Cindy Von Holten, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Tim Morgan, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Lee asked for a moment of silence to honor the fallen Clinton, Iowa firefighter. Lee reminded everyone how they approach the hazard as the rest of us are getting away from the hazard.

There were no communications from Visitors.

Alderman Wilen made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- A) Minutes of December 17, 2018
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$475,611.59
- C) Award Bids for 2019 MFT General Maintenance Materials: Civil Materials for Bituminous Patching at \$85.00 and Bituminous Concrete Surface for \$54.00 and Alliance Materials for Aggregate Surface at \$5.60
- D) Partial Pay Request #3 for Civil Constructors in the amount of \$37,382.77 for the Sanborn Project
- E) Final Pay Request for 2018 Street Project to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$23,894.37
- F) Partial Pay Request #2 for Fischer Excavating in the amount of \$139,392.17 for the Douglas Park Neighborhood Drainage Project
- G) Refer Petition to Plan Commission for Annexation of property owned by Sterling Park District at Lynn Boulevard and West LeFevre
- H) Refer Petition to Plan Commission for Annexation of property owned by Sterling Industrial Development Commission (SIDC) at Lynn Boulevard and West LeFevre

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hopping. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Hopping, Martin, Stauter, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Chief Morgan introduced the new Police Officers: Bradley Jasutis, Spencer Morrissey, and Madison Howard. Clerk Rombouts administered the Oath of Office to the new officers.

Brian Frickenstein with Willett, Hofmann & Associates presented a power point presentation with Manager Shumard and Superintendent Schrader on street maintenance funding and methodologies.

Approximately \$1 million is spent annually on streets due to the ½% sales tax passed in 2005. Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds are disbursed from the state, based on fuel purchased; 19 cents per gallon of gas and 21.5 cents per gallon of diesel. Federal Funds can be used on Federal Aid Routes. These projects are divided with Rock Falls because it is based on contiguous population. Grants can be for emergencies, Illinois Transportation Enhancement Projects (ITEP), American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (one time only), and TIGER/BUILD Grants.

Engineering consists of Documents prepared for bidding (plans, specifications, and contract documents) and Inspector's Daily Reports. If MFT funds are used, additional requirements are design reports, environmental studies, coordination with other regulatory agencies, and compliance with funding source. Grant funding can cost 3% to 6% more for engineering.

Engineer develops pay items, calculates quantities, and construction estimate. We are limited with number of contractors. Construction observation is provided during project.

Alderman Elston entered the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Types of problems in roadways are rutting, longitudinal cracking, transverse cracking, alligator cracking, reflective cracking, potholes, sags and humps.

Types of maintenance include reconstruction, resurfacing, crack sealing, and patching. Sterling has usually chosen reconstruction to eliminate storm water problems and prevent edges from unraveling. Although, higher costs are incurred, it is a longer fix. With the Public Works crews doing curb and gutters, we save money. Crews doing this work is not a common practice in municipalities.

At the next meeting, topics will include the budget, rating system, imminent needs, and road work to date.

Superintendent Schmidt reminded everyone this is the last week for pick-up of live Christmas trees.

Alderman Hopping reminded everyone of Brinkley's birthday party at Petsmart.

Alderman Elston confirmed that electronic recycling would continue this year and we would work with the County for next year's program.

Alderman Stauter asked the status of testing at Lawrence Brothers and the neighborhood improvement trailer. Manager Shumard stated that he, Superintendent Schrader, and Mayor Lee would be scoring the Quotes received for the testing at Lawrence Brothers. Shumard had not heard back about the wrap on the trailer.

Alderman Wise noted dedication of the Public Works crews filling potholes in the rain today.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk