

Mayor Charles L. “Skip” Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 5, 2018. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Joe Martin, John Stauter, Christine Wilen, and Jim Wise. Absent: Alderman Bob Conklin.

Also present were City Attorney Tim Zollinger, City Manager Scott Shumard, Financial Services Director Cindy Von Holten, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader, Fire Deputy Chief Mike Dettman, Police Chief Tim Morgan, and Assistant City Clerk Monique Castillo.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no communications from Visitors.

A moment of silence was given in honor of the passing of Faye Wise, mother of Alderman Jim Wise.

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

- A) Minutes from January 15, 2018
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$1,581,135.07
- C) Final Pay Request for 2017 ADA Sidewalk Improvements to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$15,196.38
- D) Final Pay Request for 2017 Street Resurfacing Project to Civil Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$15,245.87

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

Alderman Elston made a motion to pass **Ordinance #2018-02-01 Amending Chapter 102, Article IV, Section 102-407 of the City of Sterling Code of Ordinances a Provision Concerning Temporary Trash or Construction Debris Dumpsters and Personal Storage Containers**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wilen.

Alderman Wise asked what constitutes a hard surface. Superintendent Schmidt stated “hard surface” is defined in the code and placement on a hard surface is a requirement of most garbage companies. Schmidt also noted, there will be some instances where this could be an issue and we will have to adjust accordingly.

Alderman Wise also questioned visibility guidelines and the consequences of not meeting set guidelines. Zollinger explained if an attempt is made to utilize pylons/reflective markers and they are removed by someone other than the owner, ample time would be allotted for replacements. If, however, no attempt is made, a fine could result.

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

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2018-02-02 to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with Kunes Country Ford Lincoln**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stauter.

Alderman Wise noted, while he supports economic development and is in favor of the concept, he feels more information is needed with regard to the baseline expectations. At this time, the figures Wise seeks are unavailable and while it is something the City has access to, it is confidential. Therefore, Kunes must provide the requested information and until such time, Alderman Wise cannot vote on this matter.

Alderman Wise made a motion to table **Ordinance #2018-02-02 to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with Kunes Country Ford Lincoln** until such time additional information is provided by Kunes Country Ford Lincoln to make a more educated decision. The motion to table was seconded by Alderman Wilen. Voting: Ayes – Alderman Stauter, Wilen, Wise, Elston, and Martin. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to pass **Ordinance #2018-02-03 Amending the Powers and Duties of the Liquor Control Board, Providing for Recommendations to the City Council**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wise.

Mayor Lee noted we are currently at the maximum number of allowable liquor licenses and need to have a procedure in place for additional requests. Alderman Stauter inquired about possible criteria being met across the board to avoid favoritism. Mayor Lee explained there can be no criteria as all business plans are not the same. Therefore, as long as all requirements are met and fees are paid, each applicant will be given the same opportunity.

Alderman Wise thanked the liquor commission for all their hard work in drafting the policy, including the Council in the decision making process and maintaining control of the number of gaming parlors.

Voting: Ayes – Alderman Wilen, Wise, Elston, Martin and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to adopt **Ordinance #2018-02-04 Amending Chapter 63 (Parks and Recreation) to add a new Section 2, Prohibiting the use of Motorized Vehicles or other similar equipment in City Parks**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Alderman Wise, Elston, Martin, Stauter and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee asked to clarify, with regard to the copy of the Strategic Plan manual he sent out to each Council Member, the highlighted or notated areas are merely suggestions for topics of discussion and nothing that has been changed. He noted we are working with other entities to compare what they are doing as well.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned to a budget study session.

Manager Shumard gave a brief synopsis of the 2018-2019 budget with a slide show presentation highlighting areas of progress in each of the funds.

- Stormwater - there are several projects underway that will include installation of new sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Hopefully this will take care of excess flooding in the following areas: 2nd Avenue/Miller Road, Duis Center, Douglas Park, Northland Mall and River Road.
- NWSW – funding for this account was rental income from Best Cobb. We sold the building to GSDC for \$1. GSDC has great plans for the use of the building. We can expect additional contributions from CGH.
- MFT – No updates
- Coliseum – there is an approximate deficit of \$25,000
- Civil Defense – funds are used for radios, cell phones and emergency equipment
- TIF Lincolnway/Lynn – Kohl’s/PetSmart area. We continue to lose approximately \$1,000 annually as most revenues are transferred to the Developer
- TIF CBD West – there are 3 unused lots, proposal to install a covered sidewalk to host outdoor Farmers Markets and other events. Unused revenue can be transferred to TIF CBD East, if necessary.
- TIF Rock River – received NFR Letter. Projected end balance is expected to be -\$2.3 Million
- TIF CBD East – No updates
- 2012 CGH Bond Fund – strictly in and out account. Will mature in 2022
- Special Service Areas – with Greenridge paid off, there is a projected end balance of \$39,000 that will be utilized to fix roads in Tori Pines Subdivision
- Police Pension – In good standing
- Fire Pension – Unfortunately, projected end balance of -\$95,000
- Trust – projected end balance is \$1,192. Talking with Sterling American Legion about a Veteran’s Monument

The calendar of events for the next couple of months are as follows: February 20 and March 5 - Budget Study Session. March 20 – Budget Study Session (if needed). March 23 – Budget will be available for display. April 2 – Budget Hearing. April 16 – Adopt the 2018-2019 Budget.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Monique Castillo
Assistant City Clerk