

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 21, 2017. 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, City Management Intern Madison Hans, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Deputy Chief Alex Chavira, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Shirley Sharp expressed concern about the handicap parking at Sterling High School Stadium. Handicap parking was on the south side of the stadium and it has been fenced off. The handicap parking will be located on the north side of Miller Road and she is concerned for people who cannot walk that distance. Mayor Lee stated the City has no control over the school's parking. Deputy Chief Chavira stated that the parking on LeFevre was eliminated because of safety concerns.

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

- A) Minutes from August 7, 2017
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$1,449,590.77
- C) Purchase of two (2) 2018 Ford AWD Utility Police Interceptors in the amount of \$34,967.16 with trade in of two older squads
- D) Award Contract to demolish 605 East Fourth Street to CP's Demolition Services in the amount of \$7,500
- E) Petition from Knights of Columbus #662 to hold a bucket brigade on Friday September 15, 2017; instead of September 16 because of Fiesta activities
- F) Petition from PADS Homeless Shelter to hold a bucket brigade on September 30, 2017

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 approve Mayor Lee's recommendation to appoint and reappoint members to the following Boards and Commissions:

<u>Building Code Board of Appeals</u>	Reappoint Fred Gebhardt	term expiring 6/30/2022
<u>Electrical Commission</u>	Reappoint Kevin McGinn	term expiring 6/30/2019
	Reappoint Alfred Segneri	term expiring 6/30/2019
<u>Fire and Police Commission</u>	Reappoint Tom Ausman	term expiring 6/30/2020
<u>Mechanical Board</u>	Appoint Kevin Scanlan	term expiring 6/30/2022
<u>Plan Commission</u>	Reappoint Rene Morris	term expiring 6/30/2020

<u>Plumbing Board of Appeals</u>	Reappoint Tom Cushman	term expiring 6/30/2020
	Reappoint David Jones	term expiring 6/30/2020
	Appoint Jay Morthland	term expiring 6/30/2020
	Reappoint Larry Reaver	term expiring 6/30/2020
<u>Police Pension Board</u>	Reappoint Colin Reynolds	term expiring 6/30/2018
<u>Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board</u>		
	Reappoint Alfred Segner	term expiring 6/30/2019
	Reappoint Kurt Glazier	term expiring 6/30/2018
	Reappoint David Jones	term expiring 6/30/2019
	Reappoint Eddy Nicklaus	term expiring 6/30/2018
	Reappoint Marv Lofgren	term expiring 6/30/2019
<u>Sterling Industrial Development Commission</u>		
	Reappoint John Stauter	term expiring 6/30/2021
	Reappoint Rich McNinch	term expiring 6/30/2022
<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>	Reappoint Dennis Aldrich	term expiring 6/30/2022
	Reappoint Tim McCaslin	term expiring 6/30/2021
	Appoint Rory Smith	term expiring 6/30/2022

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

Clerk Rombouts announced the next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5 because of the Labor Day weekend. She also reminded the Council of the Special Council meeting on Monday, September 11 at 5:30 pm to meet her and then tour the Lawrence Brothers Building.

Alderman Martin reported Lt. Mohr contacted him about a phone request for a stop sign at Avenue J and West 13th Street. Martin understands that no one does traffic studies since Bob Allen left. He'd like a discussion on how to handle traffic study questions. Manger Shumard stated it takes someone familiar with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control.

Alderman Wilen thanked Superintendent Schrader and Superintendent Schmidt for the projects they completed and how they pleased her constituents.

Alderman Elston thanked everyone for their participation in the movies and concerts during the season. She thanked Madison for her work this summer and noted how much she accomplished. Elston reported a resident contacted her to let her know how pleased she was with the help at the front desk and how Code Enforcement Officer Rob Horn dealt with a solution to her problem.

Mayor Lee thanked Chris Schuchard for attending the meeting so he could be properly thanked for his service to the City. Mayor Lee wished Chief Morgan and Melinda the best in their married years ahead. Mayor Lee reported a good meeting with IDOT. The

new interpretation on ADA intersections will save the City money; future intersections will be completed and paid for by IDOT. Future street projects were discussed; the primary ones were Locust north of LeFevre, Locust south of LeFevre, and Fourth Street west of Ninth Avenue. Money is not available and projects are at least five to ten years out. IDOT will be concentrating on Interstates and Bridges.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned to a study session at 6:57 pm.

Manager Shumard distributed copies and reviewed changes to the Code Section 102-407 – Temporary trash or construction debris dumpsters and personal storage. Discussion followed on dumpsters in various locations that had been there many months, pylons disappearing, time frame for placement in right-of-way, name and contact information on dumpsters, who is responsible for dumpsters left behind, time of day for dumping, fees versus compliance, deposit rather than fee. Manager Shumard took comments and will return with proposed changes.

Manager Shumard distributed suggestions for policy on handicap parking in residential areas. Concern was expressed for the safety of parallel parking in the street and the ability to maneuver from the curb. The policy was not well received by Council.

While Manager Shumard prepared information, Intern Hans presented information on the phone app that the City is pursuing. Hans displayed the app and explained it is a rough draft. My Civic Apps is the company. They prepared all of the information from our website. Staff can view, post action, post resolution and send it to the complainant. Push notifications can be sent three different ways – all of the City, only phones within the ZIP code, or specific neighborhoods. Manager Shumard noted that City staff can only send push notifications.

Manager Shumard distributed a printed power point presentation regarding storm water projects. Manager Shumard explained the old Barajas building on East Lincolnway has been sold. The City is working with the new owner to improve the flow of water. Mayor Lee stated this property will be very visible and show citizens their tax dollar at work. Manager Shumard stated that three-fourths of the storm water work will be completed in the next three years with the bond issue. Alderman Wise was pleased with the order of projects because it spread dollars across the City.

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk