

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a special meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 11, 2017. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Bob Conklin, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, John Stauter, Christine Wilen, and Jim Wise. Absent: None.

Also present were, City Manager Scott Shumard, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Dettman, Police Chief Tim Morgan, Deputy Police Chiefs Jeff Mohr and Alex Chavira, Public Works representatives Scot Beyer and Ben Babin, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

Community Representatives present were Greater Sterling Development Corporation Director Heather Sotelo, Chamber Director Kris Noble, and Main Street Director Janna Groharing.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Lee asked for a moment of silence to remember the events of 911 as well as the hurricane victims in Texas and Florida.

There were no communications from Visitors.

Manager Shumard introduced Gary Anderson with Gary W. Anderson Architects, Joel Zirkle with Fehr Graham Engineering and Environmental, and Brian Frickenstein with Willett, Hofmann & Associates as structural engineer.

Mayor Lee invited all in attendance to meet at the Lawrence Brothers Building for a tour of the building with commentary from the engineers and architect. Everyone returned and the meeting resumed at 7:15 pm.

Gary Anderson presented photos of Lawrence Brothers and the possibilities of what it could be.

GSDC Director Heather Sotelo interjected that the SIDC presented the City with a \$120,000 grant from the Revolving Loan Fund that could start the assessment study. Joel Zirkle indicated that would be the initial assessment because there are too many unknowns at this time.

Manager Shumard asked the Council if the assessment was the direction they wanted to take or to use the funds to make it more aesthetically pleasing.

An informal consensus was to move forward with an assessment of the building. Questions and discussion were shared regarding temporary roofing, building appeal, how the project could possibly be separated, and how long the assessment could take.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk