

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 18, 2017. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Bob Conklin, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, John Stauter, Christine Wilen, and Jim Wise. Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Tim Zollinger, City Planner Dustin Wolff, City Manager Scott Shumard, Director of 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.

Shirley Sharp asked for comments on the tour of the Lawrence Brothers Building. Council descriptions were interesting and dirty. Mayor Lee stated it is a huge structure with two acres under a roof. Whatever we do will not be a small project. There is plenty of graffiti. It is not an easy fix. Positive comments included the concrete arched ceilings, river view, and possibilities with renovation.

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

- A) Minutes from September 5, 2017 and September 11, 2017
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$717,210.82
- C) Petition to Allow Newman High School to hold their annual Homecoming parade on September 29, 2017 at 2:00 pm
- D) Refer to Plan Commission a Petition from Schmitt Partners L.P. and Sandy Glazier to rezone the property located at 2605 Woodlawn Road from CB to CB Special Use to allow for cosmetic tattooing.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Conklin. Alderman Wilen asked about the type of tattooing. Superintendent Schmidt answered it is like tattooed eyebrows. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Stauter, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Planner Dustin Wolff presented information on the draft Riverfront concepts. Three phases have been recommended to get people using the East Lawn of the riverfront. Phase 1 would get people to the overlook, phase 2 would create the loop and Phase 3 would complete the circle. Discussion topics included bicycle access, lack of playground equipment, different type of park to get people to the river, costs are undetermined, emergency call stations, restrooms, video security, wi-fi, safety, access, walk-bridge to Lawrence Park, and banning skateboarders.

Planner Dustin Wolff presented information on the one-way decoupling study. In the late 50's, it was common to have one-way streets to keep traffic moving through

communities. Based on traffic counts, changing to two-streets could cause an additional 10 to 15 second wait at an intersection. Discussion topics included public input, phasing, traffic slowing for commerce, encompassing downtown only, emergency vehicles can respond quicker, slowing traffic, and safety for pedestrians.

Alderman Elston made a motion to award the bid to Civil Constructors in the amount of \$302,737.75 for the 2017 Street Resurfacing Project which includes:

- West Eighth Street from Avenue K to Avenue J (paving only)
- Avenue J - West Seventh to Ninth Streets (paving only)
- Avenue C - West 11th to 12th Streets (paving only)
- East Eighth Street - First to Third Avenues (paving only)
- 11th Avenue - East Fourth to Sixth Streets (paving only)
- East Sixth Street - Broadway to Eighth Avenue (excavate, backfill, and pave)
- West Seventh Street - Avenue D to G (grind and overlay)

The motion was seconded by Alderman Conklin. Alderman Stauter asked if there are fewer streets than usual. Manager Shumard stated that Willett, Hoffman & Associates are conservative with their estimates to assure funding. Alderman Wise asked if the contractor is required to notify the citizens in these areas. Manager Shumard stated that Public Works notifies people in these areas. Shumard stated the street may remain open for a time before paving because the pavement lasts longer if the roadway has had time to settle. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Stauter, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2017-09-23 Authorizing Entry into an Economic Redevelopment Agreement with Brick Boss** for stormwater management improvements; seconded by Alderman Martin. Manager Shumard explained that Boss has asked the City to reimburse him for the cost of the culvert that he needs to install at 2607 East Lincolnway. The work will be built according to storm water engineer approved plans. Attorney Zollinger stated that from the City's standpoint, the agreement puts us in a no worse place than we are now. There could be potential liability to Boss for surrounding properties. The City is not increasing liability. The agreement requires code compliance. Manager Shumard confirmed that Boss would not receive payment until the job is complete, with a deadline of January 31, 2018. Mayor Lee mentioned we do not customarily help businesses with engineering; however, if the City were to attack this storm water issue on their own, it could cost three times more. This area is a major cause of water bottleneaking from the Mall. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Stauter, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Chief Morgan reminded everyone of the last cookout tomorrow starting at 11:30 am.

Superintendent Schmidt explained she will prepare for a study session at the next meeting and wanted Council feedback on what they want to know about Code

Enforcement. Alderman Wise asked for everything beyond rentals; he wants to study ordinances.

Alderman Stauter thanked Chief Morgan and Chief Cook for their cooperation during the parade.

Alderman Elston reminded everyone of the Wine Walk downtown on Thursday. Elston and Alderman Conklin shared condolences with Brad Schrader on the passing of his stepfather.

Mayor Lee thanked Fire and Police for their help during the parade. Lee extended congratulations to the community for two great weekends of events celebrating Mexico freedom.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk