

Mayor Charles L. "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 15, 2018. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Mackenzie Hopping, Joe Martin, Christine Wilen, and Jim Wise. Absent: Alderman John Stauter.

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.

Kris Schimdt, Candidate for Sheriff, introduced himself and expressed his desire to continue the County's work with the Sterling Police Department. Alderman Wise asked if the Sheriff sits on the 911 Board and if so, how can we make the call center more equitable for all parties.

Alex Rios, 1214 Fourth Avenue, stated that he has been at last couple meetings and is addressing the unkempt yard that can reduce home values and is considered a nuisance. Rios believes the definition of "nuisance" has been weakened. It is more harmful than a mere annoyance. Mayor Lee asked why the neighbor next to the property has not been at the meetings. Rios stated that he is the neighborhood spokesman.

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

- A) Council Minutes from October 1, 2018
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$589,920.34
- C) Resolution #R2018-10-18 to close streets for the Downtown Christmas Walk on Friday, November 30, 2018
- D) Resolution #R2018-10-19 to close Fourth Street for Veterans Day Services on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at Grandon Civic Center
- E) Halloween Trick or Treat Hours for 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 31, 2018
- F) Partial Pay Request #1 for Second Avenue/Miller Road Drainage Improvements to Martin & Company Excavating in the amount of \$241,118.65
- G) Partial Pay Request #1 for Sanborn to Civil Constructors in the amount of \$168,377.70

H) Partial Pay Request #4 for Twin City Construction in the amount of \$35,349.56 for the 2018 Streets Project

I) Partial Pay Request #1 for Dillon Avenue Reconstruction to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$8,032.01

J) Partial Pay Request #1 for Douglas Park Neighborhood Drainage Project for Fischer Excavating in the amount of \$70,271.46

K) Bucket Brigade for Home of Hope on November 10, 2018

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

Alderman Elston made a motion to appoint Julia Atilano to the Library Board with a term to expire June 30, 2021; seconded by Alderman Hopping. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Hopping, Martin, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2018-10-35 annexing certain property at 2806 West Fourth Street (Casey's) to the City of Sterling and zone said property to CB (Community Business)**; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Hopping, Martin, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2018-10-36 Authorizing Execution of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network Agreement (IPWMAN)**; seconded by Alderman Wilen. Superintendent Schrader stated this is important to help and be helped by area communities. Whiteside County and Coloma Township are already members. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Hopping, Martin, Wilen, and Wise. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Schrader displayed a flow meter they are interested in purchasing. Data can be uploaded to cellular phones to measure inflow and infiltration. Meters can be moved around to determine problem areas. With the purchase of the flow meters, we would not hire an outside company at much higher rates.

Alderman Hopping reviewed the options for Roger Colmark's building. There are two choices – either remove the sprinkler system or bring it up to code. Chief Cook indicated the system is currently non-compliant.

Alderman Wilen is happy with the ordinance to get dead trees removed on private property.

Alderman Elston reported a great turnout for the Hops on the Rocks. Elston asked if a stop sign can be installed at 15th Street and 17th Avenue. There is an increase in kids on bikes with Platt Park being utilized more.

Alderman Wise commented that the property to the south of the Coliseum is looking better.

Mayor Lee congratulated Sterling Main Street on their successful Hops on the Rock.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm for a study session to discuss modifications to Brick Boss's agreement with the City regarding the drainage pipe at 2607 East Lincolnway. Manager Shumard explained that Code Enforcement has received a site plan for his development. There has not been time for a complete review. Shumard wanted to know if the Council was comfortable with amending the agreement with an additional \$22,000 based on the preliminary site plan. The general consensus of the Council was to amend the agreement and proceed with the payment. The final plat can be approved before the building permit is issued.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk