

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 16, 2012. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Lou Sotelo, and Amy Viering. Absent: Alderman Linda Marley.

Also present were City Manager Scott Shumard, City Management Intern Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Director of Financial Services Cindy Von Holten, Building and Zoning Services Coordinator Mike Wolber, Interim Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no communication from Visitors.

Alderman Viering made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- A) City Council Minutes
  - 1) November 21, 2011 Study Session Minutes
  - 2) January 3, 2012 Regular Meeting
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$271,674.15
- C) Plan Commission Minutes of September 7, 2011
- D) Approve Request for Reimbursement #8 for TIF eligible expenses in the amount of \$265,380.88 for the Lincolnway-Lynn Boulevard TIF Project

The motion was seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to pass the Proclamation declaring January as Mentoring Month per the request of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley; seconded by Alderman Cox. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Mayor Lee read the proclamation into the record and presented the proclamation to Susan Moore, a Big Sister, who shares lunch with a student weekly.

Alderman Viering made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2012-01-01 Repealing the City Code as it relates to Alcoholic Beverages and Adopting a Revision Thereof**; seconded by Alderman Martin. Mayor Lee thanked everyone for working so diligently on getting this update completed. Alderman Viering admitted it was a long process and reminded everyone of the importance of abiding by the code now that it has been adopted. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering made a motion to approve **Resolution #R2012-01-01 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate Property acquired with the NSP2**

**Grant;** seconded by Alderman Elston. Commonly-known addresses of these properties are 710 Avenue D, 308 West Seventh Street, 1002 West Fifth Street, 1003 West Sixth Street, 602 Dillon Avenue, 1411 Johnson Avenue, 1405 Johnson Avenue, 905 Third Avenue, 607 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 701 Locust. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Mike Wolber stated that there have been numerous inquiries about the houses. Another work session is planned for local bankers and prospective buyers to learn more about the program. Wolber encouraged anyone with questions to call the Code Enforcement Department. Alderman Viering thanked Mike Wolber for his continued efforts on this program.

Alderman Cox made a motion to deny the petition from Leonard C. Parks at 1505 Locust to install a street light on Avenue C between West 14<sup>th</sup> and West 15<sup>th</sup> Streets because there are street lights at 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Street on Avenue C; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Shumard reported they would begin interviews this week for the Public Works position. Sterling Main Street will be having a retreat and encouraged Council members to pass along concerns or ideas. Manager Shumard and Hadley Skeffington-Vos will have a teleconference with the architects regarding the Lawrence Brothers and National Buildings.

Mayor Lee asked for a moment of silence for Alderman Elston's grandmother, who recently passed away. Mayor Lee asked that we recognize the accomplishments of Martin Luther King on this day, his birthday.

Manager Shumard noted that Hadley Skeffington-Vos is a Big Sister in the Mentoring Program.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk