

November 19, 2002
Council Meeting
Council Chambers

Mayor Ted Aggen called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 7:30pm. Present: Mayor Aggen, Aldermen Bartz, Cox, Viering, Martin, Adell and Chevalier. No one was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Aggen welcomed the students who were attending the meeting.

Alderman Cox made the motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Alderman Bartz. Voting: Aye 7. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Minutes of November 5, 2002

Bills and Payroll totaling \$491,905.40

Petition for Sterling Fire Department to solicit funds for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 7, 2002, 7:00am-3:00pm

Mayor Aggen recommended the appointment of Tim Zollinger to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Wendy Marks who resigned. Alderman Martin made the motion to appoint Mr. Zollinger as recommended; seconded by Alderman Chevalier. Voting: Aye 7. Nay 0. Motion carried. Mr. Zollinger's term will expire June 30, 2004.

Community Services Director Vernon Gottel reported on the reconstruction of the sanitary sewer line on Avenue K. He showed a video on the CIP Lining Procedure used to reconstruct the sewer. No action was needed by the City Council.

Resolution No. R2002-11-36, IDOT Permit To install a Storm Sewer Pipe located on 1st Avenue and 2nd Street in Sterling crossing under 2nd Street To an Existing Inlet in the Median which is under the Jurisdiction and Control of the Illinois Department of Transportation was presented. Alderman Adell made the motion to pass the Resolution as presented; seconded by Alderman Bartz. Voting: Aye 7. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Resolution No. R2002-11-33 Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied Against Real Property for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 1997-Street Program was presented. The Bond Ordinance states that each year general property taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming year's principal and interest unless there are significant MFT revenues on hand to pay for it. There are sufficient MFT revenues available. Alderman Chevalier made the motion to pass the resolution abating the 2002 Tax Levy of \$161,832.50 for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 1997; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Aye 7. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Resolution No. R2002-11-34 Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied Against Real Property for General Obligation Bonds(Alternate Revenue) TIF Bonds Series 2001 was presented. The general property taxes to be abated for the 2002 tax levy total \$421,187.50. The debt service payment that would have been made with the levied amount if it were not abated comes from sales tax increment and incremental taxes on the property in the TIF District. Alderman Adell made the motion to pass the Resolution as presented; seconded by Alderman Bartz. Voting: Aye 7. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Partial Pay Request #10 for the Meadowlands Business Park First Subdivision – EDA Project No. 06-01-04371 in the amount of \$146,444.07 to Northwest Illinois Construction was presented for payment. This pay request is for the bituminous surface and seeding. Alderman Martin made the motion to approve payment of \$146,444.07 to Northwest Illinois Construction as presented; seconded by Alderman Chevalier. Voting: Aye 7. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Partial Pay Request #1 for Avenue K Street Reconstruction in the amount of \$63,610.20 to Guerrieri Builders, Inc., was presented for payment. This pay request includes all work completed through November 5, 2002. Alderman Chevalier made the motion to approve the payment of \$63,610.20 to Guerrieri Builders, Inc as presented; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Aye 7. Nay 0. Motion carried.

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Pay Request #7 for the Meadowlands Business Park Second Subdivision in the amount of \$38,291.70 to Martin & Company was presented for payment. This pay request completes the bituminous surface and seeding in this segment of the Industrial Park. Alderman Adell made the motion to approve the payment of \$38,291.70 to Martin & Company as presented; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting; Aye 7. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Resolution No. R2002-11-35, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MUTUAL ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM was presented. The Sterling Police Department recommended becoming a member, along with other law enforcement agencies in Whiteside County. This Resolution formalizes the existing verbal or handshake agreements that have existed among the various agencies into a legal mutual aid agreement. It is a newly emerging law enforcement mutual aid organization formed in Illinois since 9/11/01 in response to the threat of terrorism. Alderman Cox was concerned about the affect on the Police Department. Chief Potthoff explained that if the Police Department were unable to respond when contacted by the Central Dispatch, the Central Dispatcher would contact another agency. This system would provide opportunities for group purchasing and other services. Member agencies could be activated in response to tornadoes and other local disasters. Alderman Martin made the motion to pass the resolution and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement; seconded by Alderman Bartz. Voting: Aye 7. Nay 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Ron Coplan reported that he will close on the West Lefever Property at the end of the month. The paper work is in order and the liens for the Dano property are being cleared.

Chief Oetting thanked the City Council for the approval of the Salvation Army petition.

City Manager Jay Wieland reported that he and the Mayor will be in Chicago on Friday for a meeting regarding the USEPA Brownfield Grants.

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Community Services Director Vernon Gottel reported that a yard waste dumpster is available from Mid-December through March for citizens to drop off their yard waste. Public Works must be contacted first.

No further business to discuss, Alderman Martin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm; seconded by Alderman Bartz. Voting: Aye 7. Nay 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Rosemary C.Coughlin, MMC
City Clerk

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