

A meeting of the Sterling City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on February 17, 2004, by Mayor Ted Aggen. Present: Mayor Aggen, Aldermen Adell, Chevalier, Cox, Francis, Martin and Viering.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

- 1) City Council Minutes of February 2, 2004
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$754,923.24
- 3) Petition to hold a bucket brigade from Whiteside County Healthier Communities Partnership on Saturday, April 3, at the intersection of Second Street and Second Avenue and Second Avenue and East Fourth Street from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 4) Referral to Plan Commission of petition from CGH Medical Center requesting an expansion of the current Special Use for property at 101 East Miller Road
- 5) Referral to Plan Commission of petition from CGH Medical Center to rezone certain property in Block 5 of the New High School Subdivision from a B-3, General Service and Wholesale to a B-3, Special Use

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

Alderman Chevalier made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2004-02-02, A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, committing up to \$150,000 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the City of Sterling; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2004-02-03, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Willett, Hofmann and Associates Providing for Federal Participation in the Construction of Lynn Boulevard Sec. 03-00067-07-AS, with construction engineering services not to exceed \$58,008.54. The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to pass Resolution No. R2004-02-04, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Commitment Letter with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the City of Sterling's Participation in the IDOT Resurfacing Project Job No. D92-153-00, committing up to \$18,100 for milling and resurfacing of the parking lanes on East Third Street between Locust and Fourth Avenue. Manager Wieland pointed out that IDOT paves the parking lanes to the curb line; however, milling and patching is additional work that requires City participation. Alderman Chevalier asked if this was normal procedure. Manager Wieland stated that this is normal and the City crews will prepare the parking lanes on East Third Street from Ninth to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenues. The

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

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2004-02-05, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Jurisdictional Control and Reconstruction Funding for Freeport Road from East Lincolnway to Lynn Boulevard, upon satisfactory completion of negotiations relating to funding of this project. Alderman Chevalier asked if this a new trend for IDOT to transfer jurisdiction. Manager Wieland stated that is not a new concept because IDOT also transferred Route 2, west of Locust to the City, several years ago. Alderman Adell asked if the funding would cover construction costs. Manager Wieland stated that IDOT would pay in a lump sum, with the City paying construction engineering; the dollar amount is what remains to be negotiated because we will be looking at future maintenance, as well. The motion was seconded by Alderman Chevalier. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Attorney Coplan explained that the McFalls case would not go to trial in mid-April. Due to a lack of judicial personnel, the court date will be September 14.

Manager Wieland reminded that Council that the new budget is coming up. Street reconstruction listings should be available next week. The RFP for construction were sent out last week and Financial RFP's should be sent out by Friday. Easement extension are being worked on for Sterling Rail, the Sterling Industrial Park and eventually, the Wal-Mart Warehouse. Manager Wieland reminded the Council to review the legislative bulletins and get their concerns back to him.

Mayor Aggen asked for input from the Council pertaining to convenience gas stations selling alcoholic beverages. The code currently prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages at these facilities and would like to review this code.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.; seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Meeting adjourned.

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Marie Rombouts, Deputy City Clerk