

A meeting of the Sterling City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 15, 2004, by Mayor Ted Aggen. Present: Mayor Aggen, Aldermen Adell, Chevalier, Cox, Francis and Martin. Absent: Alderman 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 March 1, 2004
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$262,368.00
- 3) The petition from AMCORE Bank N.A. and S.N.S. Partners to amend the Special Use Permit for Lots 1, 2 and 3 of the Oak Grove Villas Phase I Subdivision to be referred to the Plan Commission
- 4) The Upgrade of the Building Code and other related codes from the BOCA Code, 1999 series, to the International Code, 2003 series, and direct Code Enforcement to conduct a public hearing

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

Alderman Chevalier made a motion to approve the appointment of Steve Brenner and reappointments of Charles “Skip” Lee and Tim Zollinger to the Library Board. The motion was seconded by Alderman Adell. Alderman Chevalier expressed gratitude for the new member and returning members to the Library Board. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to present the “Saved by the Belt” Award to Richard and Jeanette Hurley for their use of safety belts as a life saving device in the event of a motor vehicle crash. The motion was seconded by Alderman Chevalier. A photo was taken of Mayor Ted Aggen and Lt. Ed Hart presenting the “Saved by the Belt” Award to the Hurleys. Lt. Hart explained how important safety belts were in the Hurleys’ accident. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve the Proclamation commending the efforts of Patrol Officer, David E. Molina Jr., for his traffic safety enforcement in 2003. The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. A photo was taken of Mayor Ted Aggen and Lt. Ed Hart presenting the award to David E. Molina, Jr. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to take the Legislative Policy Statement off the table for review. The motion was seconded by Alderman Francis. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aggen explained that City staff has faced other priorities and the Legislative Policy Statement has not been completed. Alderman Adell made a motion to table the Legislative Policy Statement to a later date; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Wieland explained that several economic development proposals will occur in the next few weeks. The USEPA assessment service has been completed.

Alderman Martin confirmed with Community Services Director, Vern Gottel, that yard waste pick up began today.

Mayor Aggen reminded the Council that comments were solicited for the sales of beer and wine coolers in convenience stores. Chief Potthoff is reviewing the practices of surrounding communities and Attorney Coplan will present results to the Council for action in the next month.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Meeting adjourned.

Marie Rombouts, Interim City Clerk