

Vice-Mayor Viering called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2004. Present: Aldermen Adell, Cox, Francis, Lee, and Martin. Absent: Mayor Aggen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice-Mayor Viering read an announcement stating that Mayor Aggen had a setback in his recovery but is determined to make a full and speedy recovery.

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

- 1) Special City Council Minutes of November 30, 2004 and City Council Minutes of December 6, 2004
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$528,832.74
- 3) Refer to Plan Commission a petition from St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church to obtain a Special Use permit for property located at 1505 East 18th Street

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

Manager Wieland introduced Brian Frickenstein of Willett, Hofmann & Associates. Frickenstien will be working with Mike Hielsberg and eventually replacing him, as Hielsberg will assume duties in the Dixon office.

Alderman Lee made a motion to pass Resolution No. R2004-12-22 Authorizing Vice Chairman Viering to perform the general duties of the Mayor during the period of the temporary incapacitation; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2004-12-30, setting out the 2004 Tax Levy for the City of Sterling representing a 2.87% increase over last year; seconded by Alderman Francis. Alderman Lee asked if this levy included the Library's share. Manager Wieland stated that Library changed their estimate. Their initial request was \$311,164, revised to \$297,020, with a one cent levy rate amount. With this change, funds were returned to IMRF and the corporate levy. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve the bid from Hasting Air Energy Control Inc. for the Fire Department's vehicle exhaust removal system in the amount of \$83,626; seconded by Alderman Martin. Manager Wieland stated that the additional \$3,626

would be funded out of the operating budget. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to approve Partial Pay Request #4 to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$19,781.47 for Streetscape Phase III A, B and C. The motion was seconded by Alderman Adell. Manager Wieland stated that the contractor will replace the unsatisfactory sidewalk in the spring because he was not happy with it, either. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to move to “closed session” at 6:47 p.m. to discuss personnel covered under subsection (1) of 5 ILCS 120/2(c); seconded by Alderman Francis. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m.; seconded by Alderman Cox. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Cox made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Francis. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk