

Vice-Mayor Viering called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2005. Present: Aldermen Adell, Cox, Francis, Lee, and Martin.  
Absent: Mayor Aggen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice-Mayor Viering read an announcement that Mayor Aggen had a good day and is progressing well. Mayor Aggen asked that a special "thank you" be given to City Manager Jay Wieland for his continued love, concern and prayers. Mayor Aggen is not accepting visitors at this time, but cards are welcome.

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

- 1) City Council Minutes of December 20, 2004
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$305,638.01

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

Manager Wieland stated that the Liquor/Tobacco Board is one member short with the absence of the Mayor and asked that Vice-Mayor Viering appoint a pro-tem member for upcoming hearings.

Vice-Mayor Viering suggested Wally Adell. Alderman Martin made a motion to appoint Wally Adell as a pro-tem member to the Liquor/Tobacco Board, seconded by Alderman Lee. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2005-01-01, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No 2004-04-10 Employee Classification and Compensation Plan to reflect the change in Illinois Minimum Wage; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2005-01-01, A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Loan Agreement Documents Relating to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Financing for Wastewater Plant Effluent Diffuser Project; seconded by Alderman Francis. Alderman Cox asked what the interest rate was of the IEPA Revolving Fund. Manager Wieland stated that he believed it was 2.5%. Alderman Cox wanted to know what the loan amount might be. Wieland stated that the final amount is unknown but is estimated to be around \$550,000 but that the actual figure wouldn't be available until the project was bid. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None.  
Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2005-01-02, A Resolution Designating the Vice Chairperson of the Sterling City Council as the Acting Chairperson of Sterling Industrial Development Commission; seconded by Alderman Martin. Manager Wieland stated that this was necessary because some duties are not covered as Mayoral duties under State statutes. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2005-01-03, A Resolution Designating the City Manager as the City of Sterling's Representative to the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone Management Organization; seconded by Alderman Martin. Vice-Mayor Viering stated that this is a good decision because Manager Wieland is more aware of the Enterprise Zone than the other members of the Council. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Wieland handed out an update, provided by Community Services Director Vern Gottel, on infrastructure items, such as centerline miles of streets, state routes, alleys, sanitary sewer and number of traffic signals. Another handout was from Commonwealth Edison regarding the merger of Exelon and PSEG.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Francis. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk