

Vice-Mayor Viering called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2005. Present: Aldermen Adell, Cox, Francis, Lee, and Martin. Absent: Mayor Aggen.

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 7, 2005
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$974,964.60
- 3) Petition from Robbin's Nest Relay for Life Team to hold a bucket brigade fundraiser for the American Cancer Society on Saturday, April 16 at Second Street/Second Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to noon
- 4) Referral to Plan Commission of a petition from Dennis R. DeLanghe to rezone property at 1009 West Third Street from an R-5-1 Special Residence District to an R-5-1 Special Use
- 5) Petition from Robert A. Beer of 905 Douglas Drive to connect to the City's sanitary sewer system

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

Police Chief Ron Potthoff introduced new police officer, Jacob A. Reul. Officer Reul has graduated from PTI Basic Law Enforcement and is a certified Law Enforcement Officer. He will begin 14 weeks of Field Training Officer training. Officer Reul was sworn in by Clerk Rombouts.

Chief Potthoff also introduced Police Officer Jason Bielema. Officer Bielema has attended PTI Basic Law Enforcement, graduated and became a certified Law Enforcement Officer. He has completed his 14 weeks of Field Training Officer training and is now solo patrol.

Alderman Lee made a motion to adopt the Stormwater Management Plan dated December 2004 as prepared by Strand and Associates, Inc. and direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance modifying our current Stormwater and Erosion Control Ordinance bringing it into compliance with Federal and State Laws; seconded by Alderman Adell.

Dave Wolmutt of Strand and Associates, Inc. summarized the Stormwater Management Plan presented. Wolmutt explained that the City began reviewing their Stormwater Plan approximately four years ago. The City of Sterling has three major watersheds: Woodlawn Creek, the east branch of the Elkhorn Creek, and the Rock River. The initial

stormwater study began in 1997, with an ordinance passed in 1998. This updated plan establishes the framework for future improvements.

Section 1 identifies project objective and background improvements

Section 2 discusses required stormwater program components

Section 3 provides overview of current city conditions and practices

Sections 4, 5, and 6 evaluate existing and future drainage conditions and recommend future water shed specific improvements

Section 7 summarizes capital administration recommendations

In response to several questions, Wolmutt informed the Council that the northeast area of Sterling is of great concern because of new development. He suggested that several centralized detention ponds be planned to handle future water flow in areas where a development does not have enough property to provide their own detention pond. The storm water utility would be handled similar to a water or electric bill and those with the most impervious areas would be affected the most. Wolmutt is not sure if the City would have to be home-rule to implement a utility tax. Wolmutt expects in five to ten years that Sterling will be required to comply with these standards that are now required in more urbanized areas. The City of Sterling is ahead of the compliance laws.

Voting to adopt stormwater plan: Ayes: All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Wieland stated what a fine job Strand has done for the City. The next steps for the city are to adopt the plan, provide funding and prioritize.

Fire Chief Arlyn Oetting stated Elmer Bartz is recovering at the Skilled Care Unit of Coventry Village and would appreciate visitors.

Manager Wieland stated that he has received most of the Summaries of Governing Body Budget Goals from the Council. After receiving the final summary, Wieland will prepare a report to be presented.

Vice-Mayor Viering stated that Mayor Ted Aggen continues to improve.

Alderman Lee made a motion to move to "closed session" at 7:14 p.m. to discuss litigation covered under 5 ILCS 120/2(c); seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:14 p.m.; seconded by Alderman Cox. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk