

Vice-Mayor Viering called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 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) A) City Council Minutes of March 7, 2005  
B) Special City Council Minutes of March 14, 2005
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$242,261.64
- 3) St. Mary's Catholic Church to form a pedestrian procession to carry the cross on Friday, March 25, from West Sixth Street and Avenue B, west to Avenue F, then north to west Tenth Street, east to Avenue C, south to West Eighth Street and east to Avenue B then south ending at St. Mary's Church
- 4) Placement of stop sign for north and south bound traffic at the intersection of East 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 5) Sauk Valley Marines Toys for Kids Committee to hold a bucket brigade on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at the intersections of Second Avenue/Second Street and First Avenue/Third Street from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- 6) Referral to Plan Commission of Petition from Dan Gaffey to annex and zone property at the northwest corner of the intersection of Reno Road and East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street (River Road) commonly known as 3410 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street
- 7) Referral to Plan Commission of Petition from Mel Foster Co. Properties, Inc. to annex and zone property located at 3319 East Lincolnway

The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Alderman Cox complimented the Police Department on the study performed for the stop sign at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderman Lee agreed with Cox and wanted to know if studies have been done on the intersections in the west end of town. Police Lt. Ed Hart stated that studies are done on specific intersections and traffic signs are only installed if the intersection meets the requirements. Motion carried.

Vice-Mayor Viering read a Proclamation for National Donate Life Month. Alderman Lee made a motion to proclaim April as Donate Life Month in the City of Sterling; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2005-03-09, An Amendment to an Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone within the Illinois Counties of Whiteside and Carroll; seconded by Alderman Martin. Alderman Lee asked why the City of Sterling needs to pass an ordinance for the Enterprise Zone. Manager Wieland explained that Sterling is one of the governmental entities covered and each unit of local government is given consideration when an

expansion of the Enterprise Zone is undertaken. Alderman Martin asked if specifications had been set to be met prior to amending the Enterprise Zone, such as job creation. Manager Wieland stated that the proposed expansion met the criteria for capital investment, as well as job creation. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to pass Ordinance #2005-03-10, transferring jurisdiction of a .67 mile segment of Freeport Road from Lincolnway to 330' north of Lynn Boulevard from IDOT to the City of Sterling; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to pass Resolution No. R2005-03-06, Closing Fourth Street during performances at the Grandon Civic Center; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to award the low bid of \$2.80 per square foot for the 2005 Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Program, as well as incidental curb replacement to Larry Jennings Excavating. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cox. Manager Wieland reminded the Council what a popular program this is for citizens to replace their sidewalks on public right-of-way. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to hold a Budget Hearing for the FY2005-2006 Annual Budget at the regular Council meeting on Monday, April 4, 2005; seconded by Alderman Francis. Manager Wieland stated that another budget workshop should be scheduled for Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, preferably in the evening because it may require 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Wieland thanked the Council for submitting their goals and suggestions. He noted that it was a great help in working on the budget.

Alderman Cox reminded citizens that yard waste collection began today.

Vice-Mayor Viering handed out information that she received at the Northern Illinois Mayor's Association meeting. She also reported that Mayor Aggen is progressing well.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Adell made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk