

Mayor Ted Aggen called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2006. Present: Aldermen Adell, Cox, Lee, Martin and Viering.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Communications from Visitors: None.

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

- 1) City Council Minutes of August 7, 2006
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$342,538.64
- 3) Referred Petition to Plan Commission for Annexation and Zoning of Property at 2405 West Fourth Street
- 4) Plan Commission minutes from July 20 and August 3, 2006
- 5) Petition to allow the Sauk Valley Detachment Marine Corps League Toys for Tots Committee to hold a bucket brigade on Saturday, September 2, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Second Avenue/Second Street and First Avenue/Third Street

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

Director of Community Services Vern Gottel introduced Rex Gaumer, the new Code Enforcement Officer/Electrical Inspector.

Mayor Aggen recommended Spencer Schein to the vacant position on the Fire-Police Commission. Alderman Cox made a motion to approve Mayor Aggen's recommendation to appoint Spencer Schein to the Fire-Police Commission; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aggen read a proclamation designating September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Sterling. Alderman Adell made a motion to approve the Proclamation as read; seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin read a proclamation designating September as Save a Life Month. Alderman Lee made a motion to approve the Proclamation as read; seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering read a proclamation designating Sunday, September 17, 2006, as Mark Twain "Tales of the River" Day in Sterling. Alderman Adell made a motion to

approve the Proclamation as read; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2006-08-13, Authorizing the Issuance of CGH Medical Center Revenue Bonds not to exceed \$16,000,000 Series 2006 Principal Amount, Authorizing and Approving Bond Order and all documents, instruments, actions and matters necessary. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cox. Ed Anderson, CEO of CGH Medical Center estimated construction to be complete by the end of 2007, with internal remodeling continuing until April 2008. CGH is approximately 200,000 square feet at present and will increase approximately 25 percent. Additional parking will be created across Miller Road, on First Avenue. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve Ordinance #2006-08-14, Granting a Special Use to certain property located south of West 23rd Street between Oak Grove Avenue and Griswold Avenue for Amcore Bank and Illinois Affordable Housing to construct a 76-unit assisted supportive living facility for the elderly. The motion was seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – Alderman Cox, Lee, Martin Viering and Mayor Aggen. Abstain – Alderman Adell. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering made a motion to approve Ordinance #2006-08-15, An amendment to An Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone within the Illinois Counties of Whiteside and Carroll for the property located south of West 23rd Street between Oak Grove Avenue and Griswold Avenue for the supportive living facility to be known as Parkview Place of Sterling, LLC. The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Alderman Cox, Lee, Martin, Viering and Mayor Aggen. Abstain – Alderman Adell. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve Ordinance #2006-08-16, Rezoning Lots 8, 9, and 10 of the Prescott Acres Subdivision to an R-3 General Residence District with a Special Use for Prescott Development and Midwest Holdings to construct a 62-unit assisted living facility. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lee. Alderman Lee asked if Midwest Holdings had submitted the required information. Manager Wieland stated that they had supplied sufficient information for the ordinance. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering made a motion to approve Resolution #R2006-08-08, Relating to the City of Sterling, Illinois' Support of the Sterling Main Street Program; seconded by Alderman Martin. Manager Wieland stated that this resolution is basically a duplicate of the resolution passed in 2000. Sterling Main Street is taking baby steps to their goal and carefully planning. The Main Street Program would be a good fit for our downtown and enable the group to provide assistance on downtown buildings. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve Partial Pay Request #3 to Northwest Illinois Construction Company in the amount of \$129,789.35 for the Freeport Road Project; seconded by Alderman Martin. Manager Wieland stated that if the good weather holds, the project should finish on time. Delays have been experienced due to Commonwealth Edison's relocation of an underground cable duct. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to award the bid for the Avenue G Reconstruction Project from West Fifth Street to the Avenue G bridge to Bob Propheter Construction in the amount of \$223,501.75; seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to accept the bid of Alexis Fire Equipment Company for Option A in the amount of \$13,762.00 to purchase 1500 feet of 1-½" hose, 2500 feet of 2-½" hose and 800 feet of 1-¾" hose; seconded by Alderman Viering. Alderman Cox asked if we must maintain fire hose reserves equal to the amount carried on the equipment. Fire Chief Arlyn Oetting stated that we must have double the amount of hoses so that hoses on the truck can be dried properly before reloading. Chief Oetting also explained that Option B was \$500 less but the outside coating did not meet the City's specifications. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

City Attorney Ron Coplan reported that a court order for demolition has been issued for 1608 Griswold Avenue.

Manager Wieland reported that the order on McFalls Landfill has been filed. The land exchange is almost complete for the extension of Lynn Boulevard. The GSDC is moving closer to purchasing approximately 147 acres from the bankruptcy court of Northwestern Steel & Wire to develop an Industrial Park. The City is pursuing the demolition of Plant 1 of Northwestern Steel & Wire. Manager Wieland handed out brochures for the Storytelling Festival on Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2 and encouraged everyone to attend.

Alderman Viering asked if a location was planned for the Mark Twain "Tales of the River" Day. No one had an answer.

Alderman Martin reminded everyone that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, September 5, because of Labor Day observance.

Alderman Lee made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss personnel and land acquisition as covered under subsection (1) of 5ILCS 120/2© and 5ILCS 120/2a respectively; seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to reconvene the open meeting at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Viering made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk