

Mayor Ted Aggen called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 5, 2006.

Mayor Aggen recommended that Retha Elston at 212 14th Avenue be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Marsha Francis for Alderman of Ward One. Alderman Cox made a motion to approve the appointment of Retha Elston; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Clerk Rombouts administered the oath of office to Retha Elston.

Marsha Francis presented Retha Elston with roses and wished her well on her appointment. Retha Elston assumed the seat of First Ward Alderman.

Mayor Aggen asked for roll call. Present: Aldermen Adell, Cox, Elston, Lee, and Martin. Absent: 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 21, 2006
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$556,459.07

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

Police Chief Ron Potthoff introduced two new police officers: Jason Boehm and Charles Bowman. Clerk Rombouts administered the oath of office to Boehm and Bowman.

Mayor Aggen recommended the following appointments to the Hospital Board: Nancy Rasmussen to complete an unexpired term until 2009 and James Say to serve until 2011. Alderman Lee made a motion to approve these appointments; seconded by Alderman Cox. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aggen read, into the record, a proclamation declaring September 2006 as Pain Awareness Month in the City of Sterling. Alderman Cox 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 #2006-09-17 Adopting the Comprehensive Strategic Plan; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2006-09-18 Granting a Sign Permit in the City right-of-way for Sandra Emmert at 501 First Avenue; seconded by Alderman Lee. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2006-09-19 Amending Ordinance No. 2006-08-13 Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$16,000,000 Principal Amount of Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2006 (CGH Medical Center) of the City of Sterling, Illinois for CCGH Medical Center; seconded by Alderman Martin. Ed Anderson, CEO of CGH Medical Center, stated that the hospital will be able to repay these bonds at the required rate with expected revenues. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to award the low bid to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$115,705.72 for the City Street Project Contract #3 that includes:

- 18th Avenue from Third Street to Fourth Street
- Ninth Avenue from Fifth Street to Sixth Street
- East 12th Street from Third Avenue to Fifth Avenue

The motion was seconded by Alderman Cox. Alderman Adell asked about the time frame for this work. Manager Wieland stated that work should begin almost immediately. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to award the low bid for the construction of the Lynn Boulevard Drainage Culvert, Phase I, to Guerrieri Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$43,936.50; seconded by Alderman Martin. Alderman Adell asked about the time frame for this project and if Lynn Boulevard would be closed. Manager Wieland stated that this work should begin in two weeks. Community Services Director Vern Gottel stated that there may be temporary closures on Lynn Boulevard and it would be wise to reroute travel plans. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to waive the bid process and authorize staff to proceed with the purchase of an Alexis Side Mount Pumper (demo unit) in the amount of \$272,604, which includes modifications and equipment, as well as authorize staff to find alternate financing arrangements for Council consideration. The motion was seconded by Alderman Adell. Manager Wieland remarked that this is an excellent opportunity to obtain a new fire truck. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to accept the terms of the agreement with Sauk Valley Bank for a two-year loan of \$30,014 at a fixed rate of 4.95% for the 25-ton, gas-fired

variable air volume HVAC unit for the Coliseum auditorium; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss personnel as covered under subsection (1) of 5ILCS 120/2©; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to reconvene the open meeting at 7:22 p.m.; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

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

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk