

Mayor Ted Aggen called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2006. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Adell, Cox, Elston, Lee, Martin and Viering.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No Communications from Visitors.

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

- 1) City Council Minutes of October 2, 2006
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$948,283.38
- 3) Halloween Trick or Treating in Sterling for Tuesday, October 31, 2006, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Aggen asked for comments during the Annexation Ordinance Hearing for property located at 2405 West Fourth Street. There were none.

Alderman Lee made a motion to pass Ordinance #2006-10-21 Annexing Property Owned by Loyal Wayne Wright located at 2405 West Fourth Street to be Zoned M-1, Limited Manufacturing District; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2006-10-10 Authorizing the City of Sterling to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the USEPA for \$257,000 of Brownfields Assessment Grant funding; seconded by Alderman Viering. Alderman Viering asked how this amount contributed to City's overall project. Manager Wieland stated that with these grants, the City of Sterling received approximately \$1.9 million in Brownfields Grants. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2006-10-11 Authorizing the City of Sterling to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the USEPA for \$189,000 of Brownfields Clean-up Grant funding; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2006-10-12 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Community Agreement with Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition and an Intergovernmental Agreement between

the City of Dixon and the City of Sterling for the Construction and Conveyance of a Gazebo. Alderman Cox asked if off-street parking would be necessary. Manager Wieland stated that on-street parking would be sufficient and landscaping and signage at the gazebo would be the responsibility of the City. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nayses – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve Partial Pay Request #4 for the Streetscape Phase V to Northwest Illinois Construction in the amount of \$63,455.60; seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – All. Nayses – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to award the bid for the construction of a sanitary sewer extension project to 2405 West Fourth Street to Guerrieri Builders in the amount of \$37,474.41; seconded by Alderman Martin. Alderman Martin asked if staff was comfortable with the difference between the acceptable bid and the other bidders. Manager Wieland explained that the contractor had done other work for the City with no problems, so this should not present a problem. Voting: Ayes – All. Nayses – None. Motion carried.

Manager Wieland distributed fliers created for the I-88 West Corridor. Manager Wieland announced that the Greater Sterling Development Corporation had purchased 180 acres of the remaining Northwestern Steel & Wire property. This is the last of the sellable land. Within the last five years, 97% of the property has been turned around.

Manager Wieland reported that the Avenue G work is going well and should be open next week, as scheduled. Manager Wieland also reported that RFPs are being prepared for the Coliseum study.

Alderman Viering stated that she had been at a planning retreat with the Library to explore future possibilities of growth.

Mayor Aggen was pleased to see that building permit totals are now over \$22 million for this year.

Alderman Cox made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:57 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining as covered under subsection (2) of 5ILCS 120/2; seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – All. Nayses – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to reconvene the open meeting at 7:32 p.m.; seconded by Alderman Adell. Voting: Ayes – All. Nayses – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Police Department, seconded by Alderman Cox. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Cox made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk