

Mayor Amy Viering called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2007. Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Adell, Elston, Lee, Martin and Sotelo. Absent: Alderman Cox.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Jay Wieland, Assistant City Manager Scott Shumard, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Fire Chief Arlyn Oetting, and Police Chief Ron Potthoff.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No Communications from Visitors.

Mayor Viering asked that Item 8a, A Proclamation declaring September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month be removed from the Agenda until closer to September.

Alderman Adell made a motion to remove Item 8a from the Agenda; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

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

- 1) City Council Minutes of June 18, 2007
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$445,776.92
- 3) Plan Commission Minutes from April 19, 2007
- 4) Petition to allow Sterling Firefighters Local 2301 to hold a boot brigade fundraiser for MDA on August 24th
- 5) Petition from Illinois American Water to construct and operate a .5 mg public water supply storage tank and booster station at 3313 E. 23rd Street

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

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-07-19, Amending the Cost of White Good Stickers**; seconded by Alderman Elston. Alderman Lee asked if citizens needed to drain the appliances before disposal. City Manager Wieland said that was unnecessary and that was part of the cost of the sticker fee. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-07-20, Expanding an Existing Special Use for Avonlea Cottage to construct a 14-bed addition**; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-07-21, An Amendment to an Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone to include property in Savanna for an ethanol production facility**; seconded by Alderman Adell. City Manager Wieland noted that this was approximately a 240 acre project. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve **Resolution No. R2007-07-08, Establishing an Advisory Riverfront Redevelopment Taskforce**; seconded by Alderman Adell. Alderman Adell asked if the Taskforce would seek funding from the City. City Manager Wieland noted that money was budgeted for some preliminary work, and said that the City would work to find most funding from State, Federal or private sources. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to approve the Final Pay Request to Guerrieri Builders, Inc. for the former Redmore sanitary sewer extension; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

City Manager Wieland reported that First Rockford filed for Enterprise Zone status for the Sterling Commons project. First Rockford estimates \$25-\$30 million in capital investment and 100 full time equivalent retail jobs would be in the development.

City Manager Wieland also reported that

- Assistant City Manager Shumard is working on a noise ordinance
- GSDC will be meeting with Representative Hare's office
- Thanked the press for attending the Riverfront Press Conference
- Will address complaints regarding a water line ditch on 13th Avenue with Illinois American Water Company
- Noted changes will be made to the microsurfacing street list as bids have been high

Alderman Lee mentioned the Sterling Public Library received the community reading grant again and that the successful program was expanding to Dixon this year. Lee also noted that Illinois American Water Company deserved kudos for following up on seeding after water projects in his neighborhood. Alderman Lee then asked what happened to the assisted living facility that was slated to locate near Scheid Park. City Manager Wieland stated that the project did not proceed quickly enough and the buyer and seller couldn't work out an agreement to extend the terms of the purchase agreement. The development group is now looking at sites on Oak Grove.

Mayor Viering distributed copies of the Riverfront Taskforce press release. She then reminded everyone that fireworks would be held on July 3rd and that the Municipal Band would hold the 4th of July concert on July 4th.

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 6:53 p.m.

Scott Shumard
Assistant City Manager