

Mayor Viering called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Adell, Cox, Elston, Lee, Martin and Sotelo.

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, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, Director of Community Services Vern Gottel and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

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) a) Council Study Session Minutes of August 13, 2007
- b) City Council Minutes of August 20, 2007
- c) Special Council Minutes of August 22, 2007
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$738,485.44
- 3) Plan Commission minutes of July 19, 2007
- 4) Refer to Plan Commission the Amendment to the Zoning Code to regulate the use and placement of tents and other membrane structures

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

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve the appointment of Arlo Millican to the Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to appoint Assistant City Manager Shumard to the position of Interim City Manager and compensate Shumard \$500 per month for the interim period beginning October 6, 2007 and continuing until the City Manager position is filled; seconded by Alderman Cox. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to recognize the Sterling All Stars 10-11 Year Old Girls Little League Softball Team State Champions, invite them to receive their Certificates of Achievement and authorize the Mayor to read the Proclamation declaring Wednesday, September 5, 2007 as Sterling All Stars Team Day into the record; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring September as Pain Awareness Month in Sterling, Illinois and read the Proclamation into the record; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Nancy Lauritzen from CGH Medical Center thanked the Council for supporting this issue. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to approve **Resolution #2007-09-10** and authorize the Mayor to sign the utility permit for the storm water work along Route 2 between Polo Road and Lynn Boulevard at the Menards site; seconded by Alderman Adell. Alderman Cox was pleased to know that Knie was going to pick up their share of the costs. Manager Wieland stated that the City paid for the engineering fees but this will be a good solution for the water problems. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to pass **Resolution No. R2007-9-11** authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Local Agency/State Agreement for storm sewer and drainage improvements to Locust Street (IL Rt. 40) from Third Street to Fifth Street; seconded by Alderman Martin. Alderman Cox asked if this will eliminate the water problems at Fifth Street and Locust. Manager Wieland stated that this plan should work. Community Services Director Vern Gottel explained that the previous repairs were done at the southwest corner of Fifth Street and Locust with a line running westerly. This plan increases the size of the underground pipes and the storage vault. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-09-22, An Amendment to an Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone Within the Illinois Counties of Whiteside and Carroll**; seconded by Alderman Elston. Alderman Lee asked if the expansion of the Enterprise Zone was part of First Rockford's Plan. Manager Wieland stated that the development agreement included this expansion of the Enterprise Zone. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for the City Manager recruitment process with the PAR Group – Paul A. Reaume, Ltd.; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Strand Associates for services related to a study of the City's sanitary sewer system serving the Woolawn Road Sanitary Sewer Basin; seconded by Alderman Lee. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with Stand Associates for Engineering Services related to the Locust (IL Route 40) and Fifth Street storm water drainage project; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lee made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Caterpillar 272C Multi Terrain Track Loader and a Caterpillar CB-224E Vibratory Compactor in the amount of \$28,390; seconded by Alderman Elston. Alderman Adell asked what the cost of the grader was when the City purchased it. Community Services Director Vern Gottel reported that the grader was purchased for approximately \$31,000 and the value is now between \$55,000 and \$75,000. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Attorney Coplan reported that in 1975 the City paid a comparable rate to the PAR Group for the City Manager search.

Manager Wieland reported that he is working on project files for the Mayor. The USEPA grant for the Brownfields should be closed out shortly, the final reports on the Meadowlands are being completed, and street projects are moving along.

Alderman Lee thanked the Council for the balloons during his recovery from surgery.

Mayor Viering reported that the Mural has begun on the American Legion building.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Lee. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk