

Mayor Amy Viering called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2008. Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Elston, Cox, and Martin. Absent: Aldermen Adell, Lee, and Sotelo.

Also present were City Manager Scott Shumard, City Attorney Ron Coplan, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, Police Lt. Doug Fargher, Building and Zoning Services Coordinator Mike Wolber and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Viering removed Item 10-A, Ordinance No. 2008-07-10 establishing specific criteria for the installation and display of all public and private outdoor lighting, from the Agenda.

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

- 1) City Council Minutes of June 16, 2008
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$574,363.11
- 3) Petition from Regino J. Marruffo to connect 901 Oak Avenue to City sanitary sewer
- 4) Petition from St. Mary School to erect more than one temporary structure and waive fees associated with temporary structures

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

Mayor Viering asked Chief Potthoff to introduce the new police officers. Chief Potthoff introduced Shane Bland and Weston Olson and presented their State Law Enforcement Officer certificates.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve Mayor Viering's recommendations to the City of Sterling Boards and Commissions, as follows:

- Appoint Tom Ausman - Fire and Police Commission, term expires 6/30/2011
- Reappoint Russ Siefken - Mural Commission, term expires 6/30/2011
- Reappoint Samuel Card - Library Board, term expires 6/30/2011
- Reappoint June Shearer - Library Board, term expires 6/30/2011
- Reappoint Louise Yemm - Library Board, term expires 6/30/2011
- Reappoint Marv Lofgren-Building Code Board of Appeals, term expires 6/30/2013
- Reappoint Margo Myers – Plan Commission, term expires 6/30/2011
- Reappoint John Stauter – Plan Commission , term expires 6/30/2011
- Reappoint Steve King – Plumbing Board of Appeals, term expires 6/30/2011
- Reappoint Shane Holldorf – Plumbing Board of Appeals, term expires 6/30/2011

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

Mayor Viering asked Chief Potthoff to introduce the officers to receive Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Division of Traffic Impaired Driver Enforcement Awards. Chief Potthoff introduced Sgt. Todd Messer who has 75 arrests and Officer Jacob Reul with 50 arrests. IDOT instituted this program in 2001 and continues to commend those officers who have made significant strides in reducing this threat in their communities.

Mayor Viering recognized Cliff Garriott with a Certificate of Appreciation for his faithful service as a Fire Police Commissioner since his appointment at the November 19, 1996 City Council meeting. Chief Potthoff stated that Cliff Garriott has cemented the Commission together through the years. Mary White, another Commissioner, stated that Cliff Garriott had led her by the hand while learning the procedures and knows that he will be missed.

Ordinance No. 2008-07-10 was removed from the agenda.

Alderman Martin made a motion to waive the bidding procedure and authorize the purchase of a 2008 John Deere 5403 tractor through the State Purchase Program in the amount of \$21,100; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to waive the bid procedure and authorize the purchase of a 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix from Lindsay-Harkness in the amount of \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elston. Alderman Cox asked if this car had the same options as other cars. Chief Potthoff stated that this car may not have as many extras but the low mileage was the selling point. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Cox asked about the study on the speed bumps. Manager Shumard announced that the study will be distributed this week.

Alderman Elston asked about the ground hogs in the City. Manager Shumard stated that he has the names of three people that are authorized to trap ground hogs. Anyone interested may contact him or the Department of Conservation for these trappers.

Alderman Elston reported that the Wednesday evening municipal band concerts have been very enjoyable.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Cox. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk