

Mayor Amy Viering called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2009. Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Adell, Cox, Elston, Lee, Martin, and Sotelo.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, Fire Chief Arlyn Oetting, Director of Community Services Vern Gottel, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Richard Aggen at 412 Sixth Avenue (815/625-0484) asked how road construction was prioritized. The 400 block of Sixth Avenue is poor shape and wanted to know when it will be resurfaced. Community Services Director Vern Gottel will contact Mr. Aggen.

Mayor Viering introduced Matthew Hartman, from Troop 72, attending the meeting for a scouting badge.

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

- A) City Council Minutes
 - 1) Study Session of February 9, 2009
 - 2) Regular Council Meeting of February 17, 2009
 - 3) Study Session of February 23, 2009
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$891,176.61
- C) Petition from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to form Out of the Darkness Community Walk procession on April 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Alderman Adell made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2009-03-02 Relating to Small Wind Energy Conversion Systems**, establishing regulations concerning the location and installation of wind turbines, primarily for small business and residential applications; seconded by Alderman Elston. Manager Shumard stated that permit fees will be based on the construction costs. The ordinance should help protect neighbors from noise and possible collapses. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2009-03-03 Amending a Special Use Permit for Christ Lutheran School at 2008 18th Avenue** to construct a 6' x 66' canopy connecting the main building to the gymnasium and protecting the sidewalk from inclement weather for students as they are dropped off for school. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Clerk Rombouts reported that Tuesday, March 10 is the last day for voter registration prior to the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election.

Community Services Director Vern Gottel reported that the roads are in poor shape and the Public Works crews are continuing to fill in the potholes.

Manager Shumard reported that he will be working with IDOT to determine uses for the stimulus funds – whether they can be used for storm sewers or just roadways.

Mayor Viering thanked Manager Shumard, Aldermen Martin and Elston for manning the City's booth at the Chamber Showcase. Mayor Viering reminded everyone of the 2009 Job Fest on April 14 and 15 and the American Red Cross Taco Dinner on Sunday, March 8, 2009.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk