

Monday, March 1, 2021
City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Pursuant to Governor Pritzkers Executive Order No. 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5), Governor Pritzker has suspended certain rules of the Open Meetings Act specifically the Executive Order permits remote public meetings. In light of the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the City Council has chosen to conduct the board meeting remotely.

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Topic: City of Sterling City Council Meeting

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1. Meeting Opening

Subject :	A. Call to Order
Meeting :	Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Procedural

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Subject :	B. Roll Call
Meeting :	Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Procedural

2. Communication from Visitors

Subject :	A. Public Comment
Meeting :	Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Information

File Attachments

[public comment policy.pdf \(75 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	A. Approval of Minutes
Meeting :	Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)

Recommended Action :

Approval of Minutes as presented

File Attachments

[cc02162021 - corrected.pdf \(163 KB\)](#)

Consent

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	B. Approval of Bills and Payroll
Meeting :	Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Bills and Payroll as presented

Public Content

File Attachments

[admin_20210225_114052.pdf \(374 KB\)](#)
[Accounts Payable by G L Distribution Report 02_25_2021 11_54_17 AM_Mary McCormick_3D407IXM.pdf \(332 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	C. Resolution 2021-3-5 MFT Supplemental Resolution for 2020
Meeting :	Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2021-3-5 MFT Supplemental Resolution for 2020

Public Content

The City Council must pass a resolution authorizing the expenditure of all MFT funds. Resolution R2021-3-5 reimburses the General Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for eligible expenses incurred in the General Fund by the Public Works Department for road maintenance expenses. This is in addition to other maintenance expenses taken from the MFT fund.

File Attachments

[Res2021-3-5 MFT funds for maintenance.pdf \(155 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	D. Resolution No. R2021-03-06 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A.
Meeting :	Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2021-03-06 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A.

File Attachments

[Res2021-03-06 2021A CGH Bond Abatement \(002\).pdf \(72 KB\)](#)
[2021A CGH bond schedule.pdf \(104 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	E. Resolution No. R2021-03-07 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B.
Meeting :	Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2021-03-07 providing for the abatement of general real property

Public Content

Resolution No. R2021-03-07 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B. The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2020 tax levy by Resolution No. R2021-03-07 totals \$1,018,135.56. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for the same. These bonds were issued on behalf of CGH Medical Center, which has assured the City that there are sufficient funds available to allow us to abate the levy.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2021-03-07 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[RES2021-03-07 Sum 2021B CGH Bond Abatement \(002\).pdf \(5 KB\)](#)
[2021B CGH bond schedule.pdf \(101 KB\)](#)

6. Presentations and Awards

Subject :	A. Lori A. Cortez, Dean of Institutional Advancement at Sauk Valley Community College
Meeting :	Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Information

Public Content

Lori A. Cortez, Dean of Institutional Advancement at Sauk Valley Community College is joining us to share information about the colleges Impact Program. The SVCC Impact Program is intended to harness the collective power of Sauk Valley partners and communities to create an effective, supportive, sustainable path for students to pursue a college education and achieve career success through lifelong learning, public service and economic advancement. <https://www.svcc.edu/impact/>

8. Business Items

Subject :	A. Ordinance No. 2021-3-3 to Deny a request to classify from CB to CB with special use for installation of a cell tower on property Owned by Sterling Moose Lodge 726
Meeting :	Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2021-3-3 to Deny a request to classify from CB to CB with special use for the installation of a cell tower on property Owned by Sterling Moose Lodge 726

Public Content

The petitioner, U.S. Cellular requested the property located at 2601 E Lincolnway (Sterling Moose) be rezoned to PIO, Public and Institutional Overlay with a Special Use to allow for a new 70 communications tower. The Plan Commission started the

Public Hearing on September 17, 2020 the Petitioners requested to continue the hearing to the next scheduled meeting October 15, 2020 to gather additional information. Attorney Zollinger suggested hearing any public comments during the published hearing held on September 17, 2020. Several members of the surrounding residential community spoke up against the proposed cell tower. The Public Hearing was continued October 15, 2020 but no further information was received from the petitioner. After several months of having the Public Hearing unfinished and no follow up communication from the petitioner the Plan Commission made a recommendation to deny the request to rezone the property to allow a communications tower at 2601 E Lincolnway on January 21, 2021.

File Attachments

[Ordinance 2021-3-3 Denying Request to Reclassify-Moose.pdf \(81 KB\)](#)
[Moose petition.pdf \(1,680 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	B. Bid for the Former National Training Building Demolition and Renovation Project
Meeting :	Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends awarding the low bid to Gehrke Construction of DeKalb, Illinois in the amount of \$234,500 for the Former National Training Building Demolition and Renovation Project.

Public Content

The Riverfront plans have always envisioned a realigned Wallace Street to create a better opportunity for development on the north side of Wallace and eliminate the existing kink. The new elevation of the riverfront following the environmental capping is several feet higher than the existing Wallace Street. A new alignment would elevate the existing road to the elevation of the riverfront area and also serve to replace the deteriorating existing roadway.

The proposed Wallace Street realignment runs through the front of the former training building at the former Stanley-National site. This is a 1 story brick and block building located at the far west end of the Stanley-National complex. The City of Sterling took possession of the former Stanley-National property in 2020 and began working on cleanup plans. The City hired Sterling Environmental to assess and clean up the former training building in 2020. Willett Hofmann was then hired to develop a plan to demolish the north half of the building while leaving the south half in place as a place for the City to utilize in support of the Riverfront.

The South half of the building has an overhead door and parking bays. An existing wall between the north half and south will be retained to become the new exterior wall. A man-door will be added next to the overhead door on the east, windows will be added to the north with decorative lighting for security and aesthetics. The lighting fixtures match the proposed fixtures for the walking paths at the riverfront. A water tap is being added so the City can refill water tanks for maintaining landscaping at the riverfront. Roof, concrete, and brick repairs are also included.

The City received four bids for the project which were opened on February 17th. The lowest bid was from Gehrke Construction of DeKalb, Illinois in the amount of \$234,500. Gehrke has completed several recent projects that the engineers are familiar with and after meeting, the engineers believe Gehrke has the expertise and ability to perform project as bid.

File Attachments

[1037D20_Award Recommendation Letter w attachments.pdf \(377 KB\)](#)
[1037D20 - Drawings - FINAL REVIEW.pdf \(37,642 KB\)](#)

11. Adjourn to Budget Study Session

Subject : A. Budget Study Session
Meeting : Mar 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Discussion

File Attachments

[2100 Motor Fuel Tax Fund Budget 21-22.pdf \(46 KB\)](#)
[2300 Band Commission Budget 21-22.pdf \(65 KB\)](#)
[2500 Coliseum and 3500 Coliseum Bond Fund Budget 21-22.pdf \(68 KB\)](#)
[2600 IMRF Budget 21-22.pdf \(44 KB\)](#)
[2700 Social Security Budget 21-22.pdf \(42 KB\)](#)
[7200 Health Insurance 21-22.pdf \(42 KB\)](#)