

Monday, March 6, 2017  
City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
Council Chambers - First Floor  
212 Third Avenue

## 1. Meeting Opening

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Subject : A. Call to Order  
Meeting : Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm  
Type : Procedural

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Subject : B. Roll Call  
Meeting : Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm  
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Subject : C. Pledge of Allegiance  
Meeting : Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm  
Type : Procedural

## 2. Communication from Visitors

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Subject : A. Public Comment  
Meeting : Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm  
Type : Information

### File Attachments

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

## 3. Consent Agenda

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Subject : A. Approval of Minutes  
Meeting : Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm  
Type : Action (Consent)  
Recommended Action : Approval of Minutes as presented

### File Attachments

[cc022117.pdf \(133 KB\)](#)

### Consent

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### 3. Consent Agenda

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| Subject :            | B. Approval of Bills and Payroll              |
| Meeting :            | Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm |
| Type :               | Action (Consent)                              |
| Recommended Action : | Approval of Bills and Payroll as presented    |

## Public Content

### File Attachments

[Accts Pay 03-06-17.pdf \(336 KB\)](#)  
[apsummary 03-06-17.pdf \(952 KB\)](#)

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### 6. Presentations and Awards

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| Subject : | A. Presentation from Sterling Main Street     |
| Meeting : | Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm |
| Type :    |                                               |

### 8. Business Items

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Subject :            | A. Ordinance #2017-03-01 Amendment to Special Use Permit for 2811 Locust Street       |
| Meeting :            | Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm                                         |
| Type :               | Action                                                                                |
| Recommended Action : | Approve Ordinance #2017-03-01 amending the Special Use permit for 2811 Locust Street. |

## Public Content

At its regular meeting on February 6, 2017, the City Council referred this matter to the Plan Commission for a public hearing. The Plan Commission conducted said public hearing on February 16, 2017.

The petitioners requested an expansion to the existing Special Use permit to expand the ground area for equipment and an equipment shelter. The expansion will be enclosed with fencing and will utilize landscaping around the fencing.

## File Attachments

[2017-3-1 - 2811 Locust Street Expand SU.pdf \(11 KB\)](#)

## 8. Business Items

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| Subject :            | B. Ordinance #2017-03-02 Amending Chapter 54, Article I, Section 27 of the Sterling City Code, Creating the Position of Deputy Chief within the Police Department |
| Meeting :            | Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm                                                                                                                     |
| Type :               | Action                                                                                                                                                            |
| Recommended Action : | It is the recommendation of staff that the ordinance be amended, Creating the position of Deputy Chief within the Police Department.                              |

## Public Content

Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-4 the City has the authority to create the position of Deputy Chief of Police. In the past, the Police Department has had the rank of Lieutenant, which has been appointed by the Fire and Police Commission. By creating the position of Deputy Chief, it removes that responsibility from the Fire and Police Commission and allows the Chief of Police to appoint from within the ranks of the Police Department an officer to the rank of Deputy Chief.

## File Attachments

[2017-3-2 Deputy Chief.pdf \(82 KB\)](#)

## 8. Business Items

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| Subject :            | C. Whiteside County Petition from Peter Harkness and Busy Properties LLC to rezone certain property from County A-1/R-2 (Agricultural/Residential) to County B-2 (Business).                |
| Meeting :            | Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm                                                                                                                                               |
| Type :               | Action                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Recommended Action : | It is the recommendation of the Plan Commission, City Planner and Staff that the City Council authorize the Mayor to submit a letter of No Objection to the Whiteside County Zoning office. |

## Public Content

The subject property PIN # 11-19-301-003 (West of 3705 Emerson Road) is within the City's Comprehensive Plan but does not designate this area with specific uses.

The petitioner, Todd Ewers, is wanting to purchase the property to expand his existing mini storage units to the west. Some concerns about buffering, landscaping, noise reduction and water drainage were discussed. Motion was made to submit a letter of no objection that encourages the County to ask the property owner for buffering, landscaping, noise reduction and water drainage to protect the existing residential area.

## 11. Executive Session

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| Subject :            | A. Move to "Closed Session" as provided for under 5 ILCS 120/2(c) for the purpose of discussing personnel performance                     |
| Meeting :            | Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm                                                                                             |
| Type :               | Action                                                                                                                                    |
| Recommended Action : | Make a motion to adjourn to closed session as provided for under Subsection 1 of 5 ILCS 120/2(c) for discussion of personnel performance. |

## Public Content

5 ILCS 120/2(c) provides the Governing Body with certain exceptions to the Open Meetings Act and allows for the conducting of a closed session. Personnel is covered under subsection (1) of 5 ILCS 120/2 (c). It is the policy of the City of Sterling to conduct discussions relating to personnel in such a closed session.

5 ILCS Section 120/2a provides A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public, or close a portion of a meeting to the public, upon a majority vote of a quorum present, taken at a meeting open to the public for which notice has been given as required by this Act.. Therefore, the City Council should move by simple majority vote to go into a closed session for the purpose as stated above.

## 12. Adjourn

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| Subject : | A. Adjourn to Study Session for Budget Review |
| Meeting : | Mar 6, 2017 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm |
| Type :    |                                               |

### File Attachments

[2300 Band Commission 17-18.pdf \(51 KB\)](#)  
[2400 SIDC 17-18.pdf \(59 KB\)](#)  
[2600 IMRF 17-18.pdf \(30 KB\)](#)  
[2700 Social Security 17-18.pdf \(27 KB\)](#)  
[3385 TIF Rock River 17-18.pdf \(35 KB\)](#)  
[8100 IGIG Grant Fund 17-18.pdf \(27 KB\)](#)  
[8300 Mud to Parks Grant Fund 17-18.pdf \(28 KB\)](#)  
[8400 BRP Grant Fund 17-18.pdf \(29 KB\)](#)  
[8500 APP Grant Fund 17-18.pdf \(30 KB\)](#)