Monday, March 21, 2016
City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

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

1. Meeting Opening

Subject :	A. Call to Order
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Procedural

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Subject :	B. Roll Call
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Procedural

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Subject :	C. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Procedural

2. Communication from Visitors

Subject :	A. Public Comment
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - 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 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Minutes as presented

File Attachments

cc030716.pdf (126 KB)

Consent

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	B. Approval of Bills and Payroll
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Bills and Payroll as presented

Public Content

File Attachments

Accounts Payable 03-21-16.pdf (282 KB)
Balance Sheet 02-29-16.pdf (290 KB)
Budget Performance Report 02-29-16.pdf (362 KB)
apsummary03-21-16.pdf (959 KB)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	C. Approval of Resolution #R2016-3-4 Authorizing the Transfer of the Title of 807 Avenue E, a single-family dwelling, from the City of Sterling to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	It is the recommendation of Staff that the City Council approve Resolution #R2016-3-4 as prepared, authorizing the transfer of title of property at 807 Avenue E to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation. Further, it is the recommendation of staff that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Cash Sale Contract of said property to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation.

Public Content

The City of Sterling took title to the property at 807 Avenue E through the execution of a judicial deed, via Petitions for Declaration of Abandonment, on this morning, March 21, 2016.

The structure is to be demolished using funds from the Blight Reduction Program (BRP) grant, received from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA). In accordance with the BRP guidelines, the property must be transferred to the Non-For-Profit partner of the City engaged in the BRP grant prior to demolition. Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation is our designated Non-For-Profit partner.

File Attachments

807 Ave E Cash Sale Estate Contract.pdf (100 KB)
R2016-3-4 -- 807 Ave E to RI Growth.pdf (138 KB)
IMG_0143.jpg (793 KB)

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5. Recommended Personnel Action

Subject :	A. Pinning of Firefighter Kurt Landis
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Presentation

Public Content

Kurt Landis has completed his one-year probationary period. Kurt is being pinned as a Firefighter by his father, Randy Landis.

6. Presentations and Awards

Subject :	A. Letter of Commendation to Youth Officer Maggie Ellmaker
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Presentation, Recognition

8. Business Items

Subject :	A. Bid Award for Sixth Avenue Road Reconstruction and Sewer Extension
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends awarding the project to Martin and Company Excavating in the amount of $636,066.35

Public Content

6th Avenue is a heavily travelled road that is deteriorating, particularly north of 19th Street where there is no curb and gutter. This project will reconstruct the road and add curb and gutter to the roadway. Simultaneously, we will extend the sanitary sewer line north along 6th as the properties to the west are not currently served by sanitary sewer and there are failing septics in the area. The road reconstruction will also move the road slightly west to allow more room in the right of way for Sterling Park Districts future path along the east side of 6th Avenue.

The project will be paid for from sewer funds and local option sales tax funds.

File Attachments

6th Ave bid tabs.pdf (68 KB)
6th Ave bids.pdf (42 KB)

8. Business Items

Subject :	B. Bid Award for ADA Sidewalks in the Central Business District
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends awarding the ADA sidewalk improvement project to the low bidder, Twin City Construction, in the amount of $167,777.77

Public Content

IDOT has ordered the City to make immediate progress on bringing all sidewalks in their rights-of-way up to todays ADA standards, regardless of whether they were built within compliance at the time of original construction and regardless of cost to the City. IDOT has threatened legal action if we do not demonstrate continual progress on meeting the standards. It is a higher standard than which they have held themselves as evidenced by the E. 4th Street project in which they brought no corner up to ADA standards.

The bids for updating the first 2 of several intersections, which are Third Street/Fourth Avenue and First Avenue/Second Street are very costly. No less, the City did receive 5 competing bids, and most were relatively close in price, so we have a fair amount of confidence that they represent the true cost of the work. Though the costs far exceeded the engineers estimate, IDOT does not care how much it costs the City to update the sidewalks and crossings and will not allow us to wait another year to rebid. Therefore, staff recommends awarding the ADA sidewalk improvement project to the low bidder, Twin City Construction, in the amount of $167,777.77.

File Attachments

ADA sidewalk bid tabs.pdf (65 KB)
ADA sidewalk bids.pdf (48 KB)

8. Business Items

Subject :	C. Set Public Hearing for Budget at the 6:30 pm meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Set Public Hearing for Budget at the 6:30 pm meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016

Public Content

The proposed budget will be on display March 25, 2016 at the Sterling Public Library and Sterling Coliseum prior to the public hearing on Monday, April 4, 2016.

8. Business Items

Subject :	D. Ordinance #2016-3-1 Amending Gaming Devices
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	

Public Content

Following a request from the Liquor Commission, Attorney Coplan drafted this ordinance requiring any liquor establishment wishing to operate gaming devices would have a liquor license for a restaurant (C), club (D), tavern (E), or bowling alley (F). The initial fees for restaurant, tavern and bowling alley are $7500.

File Attachments

2016-3-1 Amending Video Gaming.pdf (128 KB)

8. Business Items

Subject :	E. Ordinance #2016-3-2 Amending the Utility Tax Ordinance
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approve Ordinance #2016-3-2 Amending the Utility Tax Ordinance

Public Content

The utility companies reached out to our City Attorney and have requested language changes to our utility tax ordinance. The changes have no effect on the ordinance, though the utilities have demanded them before they will apply the tax.

The utilities are currently balking at implementing the ordinance with the exemption for Sterling Steel, but we intend to push forward as the exemption is permissible, and is stated so explicitly, within the State statutes.

The ordinance will be available Monday night.

8. Business Items

Subject :	F. Sterling Inducement Resolution #R2016-3-5 for Sterling Today
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends approval of the Inducement Resolution for Sterling Today.

Public Content

This Inducement Resolution permits Sterling Today to commence work on demolishing the former Fung Ming building prior to completion of the TIF amendment and entering into of a Redevelopment Agreement for TIF assistance from the existing Central Business District TIF. This Resolution does not obligate the City to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement, which the City and Sterling Today will need to agree to separately once the TIF amendment is complete. The TIF amendment is expected to be complete within the next several weeks.

File Attachments

R2016-3-5 Inducement Resolution (Sterling Today).pdf (85 KB)

8. Business Items

Subject :	G. Sterling Inducement Resolution #R2016-3-6 for John Brady
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends approval of the Inducement Resolution for John Brady.

Public Content

This Inducement Resolution permits John Brady to commence additional work on 315 1st Avenue prior to completion of a new TIF district and entering into of a Redevelopment Agreement for TIF assistance from the proposed Central Business District-East TIF. This Resolution does not obligate the City to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement, which the City and John Brady will need to agree to separately once the TIF district is established. The new TIF district is expected to be brought to the Council for approval in April.

File Attachments

R2016-3-6 Inducement Resolution (John Brady).pdf (85 KB)

9. Staff Reports

Subject :	A. Sterling Police Department 2015 Year End Report
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Presentation

File Attachments

PD2015yearendreport.pdf (34,666 KB)

11. Adjourn

Subject :	A. Adjourn to Study Session to Review Budget
Meeting :	Mar 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Discussion

Public Content

I have attached the two funds that are probably the most important to re-review given their impact on day-to-day work and how we can keep moving forward. As you go through them, again, consider how we can put the Strategic Planning ideas into motion and not sitting idle. Also, in a rare bit of good news, our general insurance actually dropped! Cindy just learned of this, this week, so that is a bit of very good news.

Here is the Strat Plan outline, please be ready to discuss what you might like to see implemented from both the Council side and the Staff side!

Thanks!

Community Sustainability

Key Initiatives

Improved perception of city and pride by:

Physical: Improve our appearance and image by more aggressively pursuing code enforcement on gateways and throughways; Improve Sterlings gateways

Emotional: improve how we tell our story through and with guest columns, community groups, etc.

FY 16-17

Strategic Investment Zones? Matching grants for property owners in select corridors?

Lawrence Brothers work? Cleanup? Window murals?

Landscape and/or hardscape projects on the rights-of-way of thoroughfares?

Grandon Civic Center/Central Park planning?

What else would you like to consider?

Community Branding to tell the story better?

Improved City signage/beautification at entryways to City?

What else would you like to see?

Economic Development and Workforce Development

Key Initiatives

The City is a conduit with industry, vocational center, chamber of commerce and Sauk Valley Community College to tailor educational training programs to meet industry and city employee needs.

Increase and circulate reports from GSDC, Sterling Today; continue e-mails from Chamber and Main Street.

Work with Challand to create Youth City Council Day (6th through 8th grade).

FY 16-17 Budget

What would you like to see in budget for this?

Neighborhood Life

Key Initiatives

Uniform enforcement of residential and commercial maintenance code

Neighborhood gatherings

Citizen involvement

FY 16-17 Budget

What would you like to see in budget for this?

City Services, Funding Projects and Having Employees to Complete Them

Key Initiatives

Seek new and alternative funding sources to pay for city services

Use wage report to bring equity to city employee pay

Develop means to list and prioritize projects

Partner with Economic Development

Expand property tax base

FY 16-17 Budget

Implement new pay system based on recommendations from consultants wage study when adopting pay plan with budget

Include a 5 year capital budget

What else would you like to see in budget for this?

Communications

Key Initiatives

Based on having multiple projects, issues and priorities, the council, with the managers guidance, chooses the top tier priorities

Create system for tracking and measuring progress of each key issue to keep the council, staff and the public involved and informed.

In addition to use of local media, expand public awareness by increasing use of social media

FY 16-17 Budget

Develop a progress report (no cost)

File Attachments

1100 General Fund(2).pdf (254 KB)
1800 Capital Fund(2).pdf (21 KB)