

Tuesday, September 3, 2024
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 : Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : B. Roll Call
Meeting : Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : C. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

2. Communication from Visitors

Subject : A. Public Comment
Meeting : Sep 3, 2024 - 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 : Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Action (Consent)
Recommended Action : Approval of Minutes as presented

File Attachments

[cc08192024.pdf \(161 KB\)](#)

Consent

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	B. Approval of Bills and Payroll
Meeting :	Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Bills and Payroll as presented

Public Content

File Attachments

- [09.04.2024 Council Packet.pdf \(64 KB\)](#)
- [09.04.2024 Council GL Distribution Report.pdf \(433 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	C. Proclamation for Chamber of Commerce Week 2024
Meeting :	Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the Proclamation for Chamber of Commerce Week 2024

Public Content

Founded in 1912, the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce works for its members and closely with local development offices for the benefit of the Sauk Valley Region and the business community. They promote business and community prosperity through advocacy, networking and communication on behalf of and to our members, developing business and education partnerships, and promoting economic development.

File Attachments

- [Chamber Proclamation 2024 PDF.pdf \(85 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	D. Explore Downtown Sterling Halloween Parade October 26, 2024 6:00 pm
Meeting :	Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the Request From Explore Downtown Sterling Halloween Parade October 26, 2024 6:00 pm

Public Content

Explore Downtown requests permission to hold a lighted Halloween parade with their Halloween Town festivities. Attached is the petition for Road closures.

File Attachments

[admin_20240829_161035.pdf \(21 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	E. Sterling High School Homecoming Parade on October 4, 2024 at 3:30 pm
Meeting :	Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the petition from Sterling High School to hold a Homecoming Parade on October 4, 2024

Public Content

Sterling High School petitioned the City to conduct their annual Homecoming parade on October 4, 2024, at 3:30pm. Attached is the letter from Sterling High School as well as the requested route.

File Attachments

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	F. Request from Cubscout Pack 305 to use Grandon Civic Center on September 30, 2024 for a recruiting event and to waive associated rental fees
Meeting :	Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve, if acceptable, a request from Cubscout Pack 305 to hold a recruiting event at Grandon Civic Center on September 30, 2024 and to waive the associated rental fees.

File Attachments

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	G. Marine Corp League to hold a bucket brigade on September 7, 2024
Meeting :	Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve, if acceptable, a petition from Sauk Valley Marine Corps League to hold a bucket brigade on September 7, 2024

Public Content

Funds raised from this bucket brigade will support the Sauk Valley Marine Corps League Veterans Helping Veterans campaign.

File Attachments

[admin_20240830_092146.pdf \(160 KB\)](#)

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5. Recommended Personnel Action

Subject :	A. Resolution 2024-09-14 Appointing Alderperson Retha Elston as Vice Mayor
Meeting :	Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approval of Resolution 2024-09-14 Appointing Alderperson Retha Elston as Vice Mayor

Public Content

Alderman Martin served as Vice Mayor until his passing on August 18, 2024. Mayor Merdian recommends appointing Alderperson Elston to the now vacant position of Vice Mayor (not to be confused with Mayor of Vice).

File Attachments

[Res 2024-09-14 Appointing Retha Elston Vice Mayor \(Vice-Chairman\) Mayor Pro.pdf \(17 KB\)](#)

6. Presentations and Awards

Subject :	A. Presentation regarding the Sterling Riverfront Foundation
Meeting :	Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Presentation

Public Content

The Riverfront Commission Co-chairs will present an update on the Sterling Riverfront Foundation's fundraising efforts to fund Phases 2 and 3 of the Riverfront and ideas for raising funds from purchases of amenities to naming rights.

8. Business Items

Subject :	A. Ordinance 2024-09-20 Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Commonly Known as 601 West 7th Street (PIN: 11-21-310-006)
Meeting :	Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approval of Ordinance 2024-09-20 Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Commonly Known as 601 West 7th Street (PIN: 11-21-310-006)

Public Content

601 W. 7th Street is a vacant lot at the Southwest corner of 7th Street and Ave F. Due to back taxes, the property is currently held by the Whiteside County Trustee. The City has been mowing this lot for the past two years due to lack of maintenance from the previous owner. The city has a mowing bill of \$2,556.00 for the past two summers and has not received any payment from the prior owner. Staff recommends acquiring the parcel to later resell as it has become a burden to maintain with no payment.

The City filed a lawsuit against the former owner for the mowing bills and property taxes not being paid for the last several years.

File Attachments

- [Ord 2024-09-20 purchase property 601 West 7th Street.pdf \(75 KB\)](#)
- [Ord 2024-09-20 Exhibit A.pdf \(113 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	B. Award Bid for the 2024 Street Construction Program to Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, Illinois in the amount of \$690,976.40
Meeting :	Sep 3, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends Awarding the Bid for the 2024 Street Construction Program to Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, Illinois in the amount of \$690,976.40

Public Content

The City received 3 bids for the 2024 Street Program.

The streets included in this contract are

- Strawberry Fields
- Clover Lane
- 1400 Block Avenue K
- 800 Block Avenue E
- 400 Block West 11th Street
- 200 Block West 11th Street
- Alley adjacent to Sterling Federal Bank
- Alley adjacent to Build-A-Pet
- Alley adjacent to the Caring Center
- 200 Block 4th Avenue

- 1200 Block 3rd Avenue
- 16th Avenue from LeFevre to Lynn Blvd

File Attachments

[1706Z24_2024-08-29_Award-Recommendation-to-City.pdf \(552 KB\)](#)

[admin_20240829_110605.pdf \(16 KB\)](#)

[1706Z24_12_Locations_USE.pdf \(3,293 KB\)](#)